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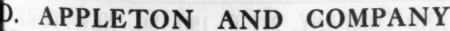
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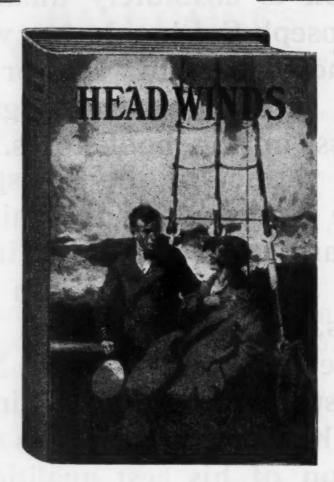
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To keep good material flowing to the shelves so that the real book lover will find continual pleasure in calling and browsing thru his favorite section is no mean task, and the owner of the shop must spend as much time in the acquiring of books as in the selling. Customers who find shelves that are a source of continual delight and interest should pause a moment and give some credit to the energy and experience that has brought those items together.

Keen buying must always proceed good selling and the dealer in old and rare books has difficulties which are paralleled in but few fields.

New First Editions

NE of the interesting tests that any book lover could apply to a year's output would be to try to estimate it in terms of first editions. What books are there flowing currently thru the bookshops that will, in ten years, be desirable from the collecting point of view? There is nothing that puts a more severe test on the judgment of the reader and yet reflects greater credit on the personal library than that there should be many books in it which are first editions but which were acquired because of a genuine reading interest in the volumes at the time issued.

The Publishers' Weekly has been printing for over a year now bibliographies of American authors, first, as a suggestion to booksellers, and secondly, with some little idea in mind that the availability of definite information would increase the collecting in the American field. Looking back over these fifty lists, one sees many names to whose lists there have been new additions

during the twelve months:

Among our poets, Robert Frost has a new "New Hampshire," the first in volume, seven years; Vachel Lindsay has published his "Collected Poems" and also a volume called "Going to the Sun"; Carl Sandburg has added another to the "Rootabaga" series; Edna St. Vincent Millay has a new volume on Harper's fall list; Sara Teasdale has published a collected three-volume set; Edgar Lee Masters has added twice to his prose, altho not to his poetry; Willa Cather has enlarged her early volume of poems, "April Twilights," to include new material, and, as a novelist, has issued the important "A Lost Lady."

Eugene O'Neill has a new volume containing "The Fountain" and "Welded"; James Branch Cabell has "The High Place" among the fall books of McBride; the collector of Hergesheimer must have his fall book, "The Presbyterian Child"; the Edith Wharton list has the important addition of "A Son at the Front"; Sherwood Anderson has two books added to his list, "Many Marriages," a long novel, and his new short stories, "Horses and Men"; Alfred Kreymborg has a new book, "Less Lonely," and a newly arranged book of "Puppet Plays"; Gertrude Atherton has added to her long list of novels "Black Oxen," and Alice Brown has "Ellen Prior"; in the fall list, Christopher Morley adds two to his list, "The Powder of Sympathy" from Double-day and "Parson's Pleasure" from Doran, besides cooperating with Don Marquis in "Pandora Lifts the Lid"; George Jean

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These titles in no way indicate the wide variety of books that collectors will be selecting, but show that to the publications of authors which have been considered important enough to be included in the Check-List Series there have been many new additions whose sale will be definitely increased by the fact that collectors are alert and watchful.

An even larger list could be made from the records of English publishing among the poets, dramatists and writers of fiction: There are books from Masefield and from Walter de la Mare, Arthur Machen and H. G. Wells, Norman Douglas and John Galsworthy, Katherine Mansfield and D. H. Lawrence, to mention some of those most frequently advertised for, according to the lists printed in the Bookman's Journal.

This type of collecting is bringing secondhad bookstores prominently into the field as distributors of current publications and gives to the current authors the benefit of having a very acute and energetic group of booksellers back of the distribution of their books.

The Standard Set

THE market for collected works seems today to be noticeably active in the field of living or recent authors, but has been comparatively inactive among the earlier classics, at least, so far as full sets of the nineteenth century novelists are concerned. Sales in the field of sets are bound to move forward and back as demands accumulate or are filled, and there are always coming into the market sets from past publishing efforts to fill current demands in cases where there are no new editions on the market.

In some ways, the lover of books may look back with a little yearning and regret at certain periods of book manufacture when editions of notable beauty were being issued in handy size rather than in the large, wide margin volumes. There was the great period of Murray's Byron, Cadell and A. & C. Black's Waverley, Blackwood, Eliot, Shelley and Moxon Wordsworth. Then there was the great series of Aldine poets, than which no more satisfactory volumes, typographically and from the point of view of readableness, have ever been issued. Again in the late nineties came editions from Dent and other publishers of that period of Fielding, Thackeray and Austen. If collectors like the large books, it is the

large books that will be provided, but there must be other libraries forming that would be glad to have their best loved volumes in a more compact form, and publishers might give to their printers interesting new problems of page design. The great printers of this country have very largely been asked to devote their attention to privately printed books or volumes of special or antiquarian interest, but it seems likely that this genius in typography could be turned with practical success to books for the average li-The format that Mr. Updike debrary. signed for the Scandinavian Classics is an outstanding example of a book of this style, or the series of volumes on "Our Debt to Greece and Rome," now coming from Marshall Jones, or Knopf's new edition of de Maupassant.

Famous Books from the Carts of Dublin

E RNEST BOYD, in the English Reviewer, tells of the valuable and interesting autographed books which sometimes find their way to the carts in a Dublin lane.

'The stranger in quest of books in Dublin will be puzzled by reference to 'the carts.' He will hear of appointments to meet at 'the carts,' and he will learn of finds that have been made there, for these carts are for Dublin what the quays are to Paris, the market place and hunting ground for old books. The parapet of the Liffey might easily have been adorned with boxes in the Parisian manner, but the dealers have since time immemorial annexed a narrow street off the Dublin quays and installed there the carts on which their wares are displayed. It was from one of these gentlemen that Edward Dowden bought for four cents Shelley's 'Refutation of Deism,' the author's presentation copy to Mary Godwin, with his notes. No Dublin book lover fails to inspect the carts at least once a week, on Saturdays as a rule, when they assemble in force. I remember a time when the far from attractive lane in which barrows stood looked like a chapter from Moore's 'Hail and Farewell,' so numerous were the faces of writers and artists whose names, familiar but meaningless to dealers, were, or have since become, famous. It was not long after the departure of James Joyce from Dublin that I picked up a copy of 'Madame Bovary' which bears his signature. Five years later, almost on the same spot, I found his copy of 'L'Education Sentimentale.' Evidently these two books were amongst the ballast which Joyce threw out to lighten his flight into exile and fame."

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Two Boston Censorship Cases

THE Boston booksellers and the Watch and Ward Society were jointly intersted in a case of book suppression when liot Paul's "Impromptu," published by nopf, was brought into Police Court on omplaint of an officer. Under the plan of ntrol adopted in Boston and described at e Booksellers' Convention in Detroit last lay by Richard F. Fuller of the Old Corer Bookstore, if the Watch and Ward Soety has a warrant against a book, it inorms the book-trade, who then decide hether they wish to accept the decision or ght it. In the case of Eliot Paul's book, either party felt that there should be comaint against the volume, the features now mphasized as objectionable being deemed a ue picture of conditions.

The party now arrested for selling the ook is Helen V. Brooks, a Back Bay bookaler, and the arrest was made by Sergeant rench, Station 16, who stated that a comaint was made by the father of a girl in e district, the girl having secured the ook at a lending library. It so happens at Station 16 figures in the text of Paul's ok, in which the author describes a raid a house of ill fame, using the actual disict, and, it is claimed, using a name for e station head very similar to the name the man who was once in charge there. The hearing is set for the Municipal ourt on November 6th. The Boston erald report says that "Those who have ssed on the work and declared it allowle are not anxious to see the decision go ainst the defendant, as such a situation ould blight the weight of their own

Eliot Paul's other book, "Indelible," publied by Houghton Mifflin, had also atacted much attention in Boston, because of description of the old Eighth Ward of eacon Hill, of its well known political as and of the conditions at the Revere ouse before it was torn down.

The Watch and Ward Society brought to court, October 16th, the Modern Bookop of 38 Leaverit Street, Boston, Morris onigbaum, proprietor, for selling Benecht's "Gargoyles," and Robert Keable's imon Called Peter," both of which have en prohibited in Boston. While the warnt was for these two books only, the lice found a copy of "The Young Girl's iary" on the shelves in the back room and cluded that in the seizure. Mr. Honigum claimed that he had withdrawn the ter from sale after seeing in the Pubshers' Weekly that there was a case

against it. The case has had a postponement to December 17th, and the defendant has retained a prominent lawyer, George Power, to defend.

New York's Clean Book Legislation

HEN the New York Legislature meets the first of the year, the question of a clean book bill will undoubtedly come to the front again. The New York Sun and Globe in the issue of September 29th pointed out in a widely discussed editorial that in last spring's activities "there were only two sides represented-the drastic censors and those who advocated what seemed to amount to complete license. Those who felt the solution to lie in middle ground were compelled to take refuge in one camp or the other, and the resultant warfare was as thoroly unsatisfactory as it is was inconclusive. As a matter of fact, the solution does lie in the middle ground. It is absurd to censor books on a line-by-line reading with an eye only to possibly prurient phrases which may be buried within the chapters. But it is equally absurd to deny the existence of immoral books or to deprive the public of any defense against The necessary compromise would them. seem to lie in the direction of a jury trial of an indicted book on its merits as a whole."

Special importance attaches to this editorial, because it brought from Justice John Ford, organizer of the Clean Books League and sponsor for the bill which the New York District Attorney drafted for the New York Legislature, a statement that, while their bill of last spring sought to restore the old law to effectiveness, the phrase that restricted trial to consideration of specific phrases of a book seemed to him to be going too far, "and there never was a moment when the Clean Books League would not have consented to a modification of its bill so that the entire publication or any part or parts which the trial court deemed material might be received in evidence upon the trial."

John S. Sumner, secretary of the New York Society for the Suppression of Vice, also replied to the editorial, pointing out the difficulty that the enforcers of the law found in the peculiar special interpretations that the courts had placed on the words "obscene," "disgusting" and "filthy," which had prevented prosecutions that were undoubtedly intended to be made possible when the law was originally drafted.

It seems evident that all parties agree that the present law has been turned from its intent by court decisions, one of the most important of which had nothing to do with the problem of books. It would seem from this suggestion of Judge Ford that there might easily be agreement to leave out the provision in last year's bill calling for judg-

ment by specific paragraphs.

The other most criticized feature of the proposed revision was that which eliminated all testimony, expert or otherwise. It is more difficult to see the justice of this, as those who read widely should certainly be competent to testify to the importance of an author or the intended effect of the book. The continued pressure by the Vice Society to bring publishing down to books which are entirely safe for the adolescent makes the effort to eliminate expert testi-

mony seem unfortunate.

That there should be some clarification of opinion and common ground found before January seems apparent, and this effort should be accompanied by a raising of the general standard of book-trade ethics, both in the publishing and retail field. Publishers must remain individually responsible for what they issue, but there have quite obviously been times during the last few years when publishers' good faith in insisting on the literary importance of a publication might well be questioned. Booksellers, too, have been all too careless in taking to themselves any responsibility for their own store's sales activities.

English Newspaper Monopoly

A FEAR is often expressed that the control of sources of information by a few men puts the people at the mercy of any propaganda which is in the interests of the owners. The Nation, of Oct. 24, commenting on the recent purchase of the Hulton papers, points out that the English press is virtually in the control of two men.

"Munsey, Stinnes, and Hearst are mere pikers beside the British newspaper-owners. Lord Rothermere, brother of the late Lord Northcliffe, and Lord Beaverbrook, who is a forty-four-year-old Canadian, recently bought the Hulton papers for the trifling sum of thirty million dollars, and Lord Beaverbrook is reported since to have added the Pall Mall Gazette to his Daily Express and to the Evening Standard, which is his share of the Hulton properties. His three London papers, however, are nothing compared to Rothermere's string. Rothermere was a newspaper-owner on his own account when his brother died, leaving him the main

heir to the Associated Newspapers and other Northcliffe properties. The Daily Mail, which claims the largest circulation in the world, the Daily Mirror, which closely trails the Mail, the Evening News are his in London, and with them go some seventyfive weekly and monthly publications, and daily papers in Glasgow, Leeds, and Manchester. Some of these papers have been paying their enterprising owner 60 per cent profit annually for several years. It is estimated that Rothermere's papers reach nearly 90 per cent of the British reading public, and his chief rival, the Berry group, which bid against him for the Hulton papers, controls a group of newspapers equal in importance to the Hearst press in this country. When financiers operate such enormous sections of the press as profit-making ventures, is it any wonder that men study anxiously Mr. Astor's attempt to make the London Times a semi-public trust, and that workers make huge sacrifices to build up a press of their own?"

Record of American Book Production, September, 1923*

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The Collector's Craft

By Arthur Machen

OME time in the seventies of the last century, not quite fifty years ago, a man with a black beard and an olive kin was roaming and sauntering among the abyrinths of Soho. This, be it known, was in the happy, and unreformed days of

Soho: there was no Charing Cross Road, then, no Shaftesbury Avenue; there was the old Latin Quarter of London in its first and pure complexity—a maze of grave old streets all of mellow and ancient brick, all winding and twisting into another, all pretty much as they were in the reign of Queen Anne.

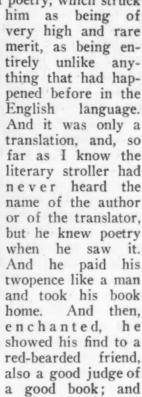
Well, in that Soho of a former day the black-bearded gentleman of my first sentence was, as I say, mooning and loafing in a very desperate and disreputable manner; in a

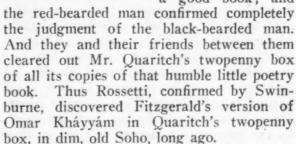
ashion that would incur the severest cenure, I am certain, both from the Capitalists' oint of view and also and even more from he point of view of the class conscious roletariat. The dark man was certainly ot consciously earning wealth, still less vas he substituting the motive of service or the motive of profit. Instead, he was laving a conscious and thoughtful stroll ound a curious and interesting part of ondon; in a word he was enjoying himelf, and behaving like a human being. Vell, in the course of his mooning he came pon a second-hand bookshop in a street f Soho called, to the best of my recollecion, Castle Street; and this shop was kept y a Mr. Quaritch, who knew all that there vas to be known about rare and valuable ooks, and afterwards moved into Piccailly, where he reigned for many years, a ort of Emperor among second-hand book-ellers.

But in these old seventy something days here was a twopenny box outside the shop Castle Street; and the dark man began peer and poke into it; looking at titles.

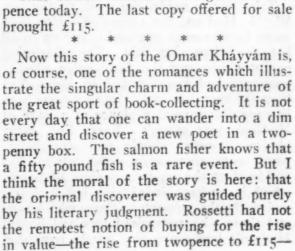
opening title-pages, glancing here, glancing there: a grand sport as he felt it, for you never know what might happen. And then something did happen.

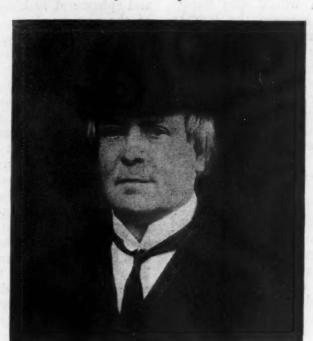
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he simply discerned the presence of quality in Fitzgerald's verse, of something that was rare and very precious. And that, I would say, is the principle on which all legitimate collectors base their pursuit of the precious book. It must be intrinsically precious, a piece of good literature, a thing that will endure purely as fine literature. One hears sometimes of book buyers who are let down, who find themselves caught on a falling market. These are the people who back a fashion and follow a whim, who hardly know the distinction between the literary methods of the Bible and Bradshaw. They suffer badly; but they deserve no pity or compassion. The man who makes money in the long run by book-collecting is the man with sound literary judgment who can recognize the real thing, that most precious thing which we call quality, wherever he sees it, be it in the twopenny box or elsewhere.

Now, of course, there are apparent exceptions. Of course, a youthful lampoon on the Warwickshire Lucys, signed W.S., would fetch an enormous sum, tho it had no trace of literary merit. Of course, the early pieces of any great man are of high value quite irrespective of their literary merit or value. But this appreciation of work, worthless in itself, is simply a reflection of that later work which is confessedly of the highest literary value: Shakespeare's school exercise books would be of enormous value simply because the lad who wrote them wrote Hamlet afterwards. But the general principle remains: the successful collector is the man who only buys what he admires, that which is of permanent literary value. Paragraphs do not interest him nor move him. He is not excited by lists of best sellers, tho he resolves, in nine cases out of ten, to leave them severely alone. He is guided solely by his own judgment, by the presence or absence of that mysterious something which we have called quality.

Take, for example, the work of the late W. H. Hudson, the naturalist. For long years he was neglected and unknown to all but the discerning few. The chattering paragraphists and the fashionable literary gossipers had never heard of him. libraries knew him not. But to anyone with literary discernment a glance at a page of Hudson's was enough. Every line, every phrase, however simple and straightforward, even commonplace the matter, had within them the mysterious glow of beauty which is, perhaps, indefinable, but is clearly and radiantly present to those who know; and those who recognized this and bought Hudson's books are now amply rewarded.

No writer is more sought out, the smallest "Hudson item" is now appreciated enormously.

And so with Conrad. Two or three years ago a writer in The Bookman's Journal noted down some particulars of the Conrad story from the collectors' point of view. Mr. Conrad's books were issued as six shilling novels. The judicious bought them and kept them, the great mass of readers were occupied, as usual, with "best sellers" and ephemeral fashions, and the mighty list of the paragraphed. But, to take one instance out of many, the man who paid four-and-six for "The Nigger of the Narcissus" on its issue could have obtained three guineas for his copy in 1915. In 1918 the price was four guineas, which had risen to six guineas in 1920. By 1921 the value of "The Nigger of the Narcissus" had mounted to £15 15s.; again the triumph of quality of the individual writer who writes to please himself and to approach as nearly as may be to his own high standard of perfection. And so in a word, the collector must, in the first place, cultivate his literary taste. He must altogether shut his ears to the babblers and their talk. He must keep his eyes upon the book lists of the publishers, marking down the authors who appeal to him, looking always for that glow of beauty which enchanted Rossetti as he stood outside the shop in Castle Street. Then he must become a devout student of the second-hand catalogs. He has his list of the men whom he is following. He notes when a book published at seven and sixpence a year ago is priced at ten shillings. In another year's time that title will have risen to a guinea, and so on.

The collector who buys on these principles will never find that his fairy gold has turned to dead leaves. He has mastered the true craft of the collector.

DESERT FICTION

The desert is a dangerous place In fiction and in fable, With horrid sand upon its face And not a veg-e-table.

And yet across such arid waste,
Pass the unbridled blighters
To meet their soul-mates, fresh and chaste.
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Forty Years of Bookselling

By Walter T. Spencer

ONE of the best known names among English dealers in rare books is that of Walter T. Spencer of New Oxford Street, who has now published, thru Houghton Mifflin Company, his reminiscences under the title of "Forty Years In My Bookshop." Mr. Spencer's contacts with authors and with collectors has been so intimate and personal that the volume will find a place on the shelves of book lovers, and be of very practical interest to booksellers. His range of selling has been wide, and there are interesting anecdotes and data about the books of Thackeray, Dickens, Stevenson, Swinburne and Whistler, to mention a few of his interests. His special interest in Stevenson began with a visit from that author in 1885, when Mr. Spencer had the pleasure of showing him that he had, even at that date, begun to list the first edition of "New Arabian Nights" at 8s. 6d., or higher than the published price. After Stevenson's death, he handled many of the most valuable and personal relics of the author, including the books given by Stevenson to Alison Cunningham.

It would be difficult not to accept Mr. Spencer's estimate that the most interesting association book that he could have handled was one that he bought at an auction sale of general property, "Endymion" 1818, in which was inscribed "To Percy Bysshe Shelley, Esq. from his friend J. K."

Tho his interests have been broad, there is no doubt as to where his warmest affection lies, and Mr. Spencer's name will be always connected with the items of Charles Dickens, and half a dozen of the chapters are fortunately devoted to that subject. With permission, we are reprinting in this issue the first of these chapters, which ends with the anecdote of how Mr. Spencer bought and sold the manuscript of "The Cricket on the Hearth."

CHAPTER VII-DICKENSIANA

BROKE off my last chapter with the brief, bright and romantic story of a sheep-breeder's steward because I realted that altho I had not by any means knausted my list of American customers was beginning to encroach on the section f my book which I had planned as my bickensiana. My other memories of friends cross the sea, as will now be seen, belong fore properly to the chapters so headed, hapters which I approach with emotions hose nature the reader must fathom as he ay, so impossible would it be for me to halyze them myself.

Charles Dickens and the tradition he eated by the agency of his great writings ive an everlasting vitality. Authors may me, and authors may go: but those who, ke the Tennysonian brook, run on for ever e by no means inconsiderable in numr-altho the author of "Pickwick" requished long since his right to be comred with anything so tinkling as a brook. is influence is like an ocean's: it is felt erywhere. He is irresistible—have we t lately witnessed the return to his bosom the prodigal sons of contemporary critism, young men who are gravely an-uncing in their literary causeries that ckens is "coming to his own again," as forsooth, their own individual and un-

certain patronage of him is to be interpreted in terms of the universal? plain truth is that the pendulum-swing of popular favor has never yet affected him. Since his death on June 9th, 1870, the devotion of his readers has never lessened. Rather has it intensified and spread more widely every year, until there are no more interesting literary events in the Englishspeaking world than the Dickensian Society's and other celebrations on the seventh of February or the ninth of June in each year at Westminster Abbey, where, for one brief pause of dedication, we stand about his grave: and "nothing stirs" as we think either of that fateful birth-time or of the final event that brought him to that immortal corner-"The old old fashion. The fashion that came in with our first garments, and will last unchanged until our race has run its course, and the wide firmament is rolled up like a scroll. The old, old fashion-death! . . . O thank God, all who see it, for that older fashion yet, of immortality!

The recent sale in London of letters and manuscript written by Charles Dickens to Miss Coutts and the large sums of money realized for them must have opened the eyes of many folk to the extraordinary

heightening, year by year, of the value of Dickensian relics. I think I may safely say that a fair share of these have come into my possession during the past forty years, at a cost, however, which might make even a millionaire instinctively tighten his grip on his purse. A natural consequence of this has been that book-lovers and Dickensians from every part of the world have made their way sooner or later to New Oxford Street. As I sit among my books and pictures, attending to the correspondence that includes (such is the influence of a speeded-up civilization on bookmen) feverish telegrams of enquiry about particular volumes or prints, and perhaps a Marconigram or so, it does not matter which author my attention is fixed upon: sooner or later in the day I am certain to be drawn back to Charles Dickens. I have grown into the habit of expecting some lady or gentleman to arrive and ask to see, as is done in so many cases, everything and anything relating to the genius who has given entrancement to human loneliness even in the farmost corners of the world.

From room to room the pilgrim is free to wander, from the shop-basement right to the top of the old building which means so much to me after my long tenancy. Always the inspection ends in warmly expressed amazement: the revelation, it would seem, has been well-nigh unbelievable. Already Mr. Micawber, Dick Swiveller, Little Nell, Mark Tapley, and the Nicklebys had an actual and separate existence in the pilgrim's mind; but for evermore he will feel that he has met them in the flesh, and, above all, met their creator also, who accomplished the miracle of them in little over thirty-eight years, a parallel to some extent with Shakespeare's thirty-two.

How often have I quietly watched a customer turning over the leaves of a Dickens volume or some pictorial representation as the hypnotized! No longer is his existence dated by this or that particular year of grace; for he is walking with an immortal thru the highways and byways of London, or watching a magic pen race over the paper in the study at Devonshire Terrace or Gad's Hill, or forming one of a huge, enthusiastic crowd that, as it listens to the familiar figure on the platform reading from a manuscript, is rocking the old St. James's Hall with laughter, or bringing into that building the stillness of tears.

I shall not attempt to describe more than one or two of the items closely associated with Charles Dickens that have been or are among my possessions. There are three pages of the original manuscript of "Oliver

Twist," the only portion remaining in existence: written in a large easy hand, with three or four corrections to a sheet, The pages are numbered 17, 18, and 23. At the top of page 17 is written "Chapter the Tenth," with the familiar title "Oliver becomes better acquainted," etc. In the opening paragraph "old gentleman" is carefully crossed out and the word "Jew" substituted, the earlier phrase appearing again lower down in the same paragraph. The text still varies from that finally used. It is doubtless the first draft. Dickens gave these three pages to Mrs. Rebecca Ball Wilson, a first cousin, her mother's sister being his mother. For these three pages there are customers willing to give me over four hundred pounds. A little less valuable-figured at about £225, I believe—is my manuscript sheet of "Dombey and Son," being the whole of page 79 in the first edition copied out on note-paper and holographed. Dickens evidently did this for exhibition purposes of one kind or another, and signed the manuscript in full with "London, Twenty-fifth February 1848." There is also a sheet of paper, probably unique, on which both Charles Dickens and Wilkie Collins signed their names with the date, September 12, 1857—probably while on the "lazy tour of two idle apprentices" which they afterwards wrote about so delightfully in "Household Words." I possess two splendid photographs of Dickens, both taken in America in 1868. One is a full length portrait, aggressive, confident, bearing a New York photographer's address and signed by Dickens in his familiar greenish-blue ink "Charles Dickens, First May, 1868." The other, which, I think, shows the most character of any likeness I have ever seen, is autographed and inscribed "Baltimore 11th Those who are interested February 1868." in knowing the market price of such articles will perhaps be surprised to learn that the New York photograph is marked at £32 and that from Baltimore at £18.

In an earlier chapter on William Makepeace Thackeray I recalled how wistfully the author of "Vanity Fair" had desired to be looked upon as a poet. I think something of the same ambition must have lain deep in the heart of each of our authors whose greatness eventually came thru some Certainly other branch of literature. Charles Dickens had his period of dallying with the Muses also. We may be quite emphatic about one thing in his case, and in Thackeray's moreover: had they been writing at the present time instead of eighty years ago our "Georgian" anthologies would not have been graced thru the hice ebrakii iven Mo ose owe liss

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Most people cherish ambitions other than lose the Almighty endowed them with the ower to achieve. And yet, likely enough, liss Noble's album was enhanced by those erses, as will be the library of some lickens enthusiast sooner or later.

It is a commonplace to say that the auty and wonder, philosophy and wisdom, amor and pathos of Charles Dickens have rawn to him the cabman in the street as ell as the millionaire, the worker at the ench and the seamstress at her needle no ss than the peer and the peeress with their egant drawing-room volumes; but it may ound strange for me to say that others an men of wealth and distinction have ent their lives in seeking out Dickensian easures for their private collection. One the most devoted of collectors I ever new was, as a matter of fact, a greenocer! His name was Mr. W. T. Pevier, nd his shop was in Lupus Street, Pimlico. I always smile when I think of Mr. evier, tho not because he was a greenocer. He used to visit me regularly on s early closing day. He would carry his rchases away with him at first, but later was asked by him to send the parcels by y younger brother-he refused to trust em with anyone else. At a given time y brother had to be at the corner of Lupus reet, and when Mr. Pevier gave him the gnal from the shop my brother walked ross the street, entered, and asked for a ttle of ginger-beer. The parcel was ealthily handed over during the transacon, and Mr. Pevier was thus able to nuggle them into the house without his fe observing them. He stored the books, believe, among the potatoes.

Mr. Pevier had his difficulties, none the s, even then. Once he purchased for rty pounds (small wonder his wife disproved of his collecting propensities!)
e four plates to Part I. of "Pickwick" their first state. As these went into a all compass, and he could carry them me in his jacket pocket without anyone ticing them, the transaction was without stacles on either side. Soon afterwards, wever, he bought from me the four large tra plates to "Pickwick" by Dulcken. nese measured each about 18 by 12 inches, d we decided that it was too much to risk e parcel being sent to the shop in the cusmary way. Mrs. Pevier would be certain detect it. A long discussion ensued

about ways and means, and then my customer said:

"I have an excellent plan, Mr. Spencer, an excellent plan!"

Before I could ask him to explain he had stripped off his jacket, and taking up the parcel of plates he instructed me to tie them on to his back! I laughed outright as I did so. Then he put his jacket on again and went off home, marching as bold as brass over the threshold and into the potato store! How I teased Dr. Tweed of Dorset Square with the anecdote when I discovered that he, too, found it necessary to leave his parcels of books with the baker at the corner, smuggling them in later when his wife was not looking! His affinity, I told him, was a greengrocer! Doubtless when Mrs. Pevier realised what enormous sums those prints and first editions fetched at Sotheby's sale-room after that tradesmancollector's death she would alter her view of that (to her) unaccountable waywardness on the part of her vanished lord and master.

Charles Dickens died, of course, before I was out of my infancy. But my personal relation with his household has been memorable, and a matter, on my side, for the deepest pride. I have not failed to recognise, indeed, that whatever authority my own knowledge of Dickensiana has acquired thru a close and extensive study of the various issues, peculiarities of illustrations, parts, dates, binding, and so on, it would have been relatively without significance were I not privileged to claim among my intimate acquaintances the novelist's famous son, now Sir Henry F. Dickens, K.C., and also the lady to whom Charles Dickens left in his last will and testament his "grateful blessing as the best and truest friend man ever had"-his sisterin-law, Miss Georgina Hogarth.

I knew Miss Hogarth for the last ten years of her life—she was ninety-one when she died a little while ago. She paid a personal visit to me to enquire if I could supply a few first editions of Charles Dickens' novels for a bazaar which she was helping to organize. I was able to contribute a good number of valuable articles for exhibition, and from that time we became great cronies. The old lady lived by herself at Egerton Terrace, Brompton, attended by two maidservants.

Miss Hogarth had one failing, so far as I could observe: she spent a deal of money on cut flowers for the decoration of her rooms. As a matter of truth I fear she lived beyond her income just then, because she began to send her maid to my shop once

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or twice a week with Dickens relics, a practice she followed for eight or nine years. Sometimes I purchased from her to the extent of £40 in a week.

In addition to acquiring in this manner some of the original correspondence that appeared in the "Letters," edited by herself and Dickens's eldest daughter in 1880, the copy came into my hands of the New Testament used by Dickens and found in his traveling desk after his death: a precious lock of his hair, taken from his head as he lay dead, and given by Miss Mamie Dickens to his sister, Mrs. Henry Austin, who in turn left it in her will with other relics to Miss Florence Dickens in 1893; and, a souvenir less personal, but equally interesting,-his writing sloop. Many a lover of Dickens has felt a personal loss in looking upon the celebrated picture of his deserted study by Sir Luke Fildes, R.A., that has been reproduced and re-engraved on countless occasions. The sloop is prominent in this drawing, and I can think of no better fortune than I had when I became its possessor thru Miss Hogarth. Another of my souvenirs, which must have been handled and spoken into times without number by the great novelist, is the speaking-tube, with whistle and fittings, which hung near the editorial chair at the "Household Words" office in Wellington Street.

To receive me at her home or to visit my shop for a chat about her brother-in-law was always, I believe for us both, a pleasant event. I learned many valuable facts about Dickens the man, at such times, and I gathered from her charming conversation that she had spent every hour of forty years in his household. I shall always have cause to remember the earliest occasion I entered her house, for the first thing I saw, lying on the edge of her bookcase, was the original MS. of "The Cricket on the Hearth."

Now all the important manuscripts, except those of "The Cricket," "The Christmas Carol," "The Battle of Life" and "The Haunted Man" (which was sold during the Burdett-Coutts sale in May 1922) are, I am thankful to say, lodged at the South Kensington Museum, to which they were presented by John Forster, Dickens' biographer and friend. Consequently the MS. of "The Cricket on the Hearth" had great value, and I took it up, remarking to Miss Hogarth:

"This is so precious, ma'am, that, if I may say so, I think you ought not to leave it lying about in such a way. It would be the easiest thing in the world for anyone

to slip into the room during your absence and steal it."

"Yes," she answered, "I must really take more care of it." She explained how the MS. had come into her possession. She made an exchange with John Forster for one of Dickens' notebooks he especially desired.

"May I take the liberty," I said, "of asking what you think of doing with it?"

"What would you do with it, Mr. Spencer?" she returned.

I expressed the opinion that I personally would be happy if she would give it to the British Museum, and hoped that she would provide for it in her will. "But," I added, "if you change your mind and wish to part with it I should be greatly obliged if you would offer me the first refusal."

"What would you give me for it?" she asked.

"A thousand pounds."

She was plainly startled by the magnitude of the amount. When she informed me later that she had prepared her will and added a clause bequeathing it to the British Museum, as I had suggested, I was flattered and no less pleased.

Seven or eight years elapsed, and one Saturday morning, to my surprise, I received word from her that she was wondering if the offer still held for the purchase of the original MS. of "The Cricket on the Hearth." She was in need of money, she explained, to pay doctors' bills and solicitors' fees. I sent a message back to her, repeating the offer, but that I preferred to conduct negotiations in the presence of some other member of the family.

Several people were present, therefore, when I arrived the same afternoon by appointment at her home. After the introductions Miss Hogarth said, without any delay:

"Well, Mr. Spencer, do you still feel inclined to give a thousand pounds for the manuscript of 'The Cricket on the Hearth'?"

"Yes, Miss Hogarth," I answered.
"Very good," she said. "You may take

I knew I could not afford to retain it for any great length of time, and when after a while its value was double that which I had given for it I allowed the book world to know that the MS. was in the market. No one in this country, however, was willing to pay £2000: they could not afford it, they said! Then came the spring of eight years ago, and with it arrived two famous booksellers from the States.

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there and then, and increased the amount to £1750. Unwilling to take less than £2000 (at the present moment the MS. is worth ±3500!) an assistant came upstairs and whispered to me that a gentleman wished to see me down below.

I recognised the newcomer at once. He was Mr. Brooks, the well-known bookseller of Minneapolis. His first words of greeting were: "Mr. Spencer, have you sold the

'Cricket' MS.?" "No, Mr. Brooks," I replied, "I haven't actually sold it, but I am afraid I can't open negotiations with you."
"But," said he, "you've simply got to!"

"In justice to the gentleman upstairs," said I, "you must await your turn. He has the first chance to buy the manuscript for two thousand pounds."

"Mr. Spencer," he persisted, "you've got to sell it to me. Otherwise I shall cancel all the deals I have made with you, and will never do business with you any more!"

Thus the situation became serious. me it would mean a loss of many thousands of pounds if he were to carry out his threat. He was gripping me by the coat, and looking very excited.

"You place me in an impossible situation, Mr. Brooks." I asked him to put himself in the position of the gentleman upstairs, but it was useless. His persistence was so

prolonged and so painfully intense that I had to give way. "Very well," I said in the end, reluctantly, and disliking the affair extremely. "I'll sell the MS. to you. But you'll have to settle with the gentleman who is waiting upstairs."

"O that's all right," he said. "Now I'll go

along to my hotel and get the money."
I went upstairs actually trembling. When I broke the news to my other visitor he naturally flew into a towering rage. For a moment I expected him to strike me!

"To prove to you, Mr. Spencer," he ex-claimed, "that I had intended to take the manuscript away here's the money you asked for." And he threw down on the table a roll of notes.

After a while he calmed down, recognising how unavoidable was the sale to his rival, and that, after all, the fault was his in delaying to accept my figure. a book I'll give you," I said impulsively. It was a presentation copy of "American Notes" autographed by Charles Dickens to Thomas Carlyle, probably worth £250. In our subsequent business dealings I made him several concessions, and we became good friends.

Incidentally I lost five hundred pounds thru these two gentlemen coming by accident into my shop at the same time!

The Beauty of Type Faces

THE press of the Medici Society adds this year a notable contribution to the list of books which take up the study and appreciation of type design and thus help forward the cause of good printing and good book-making. Stanley Morison's 'On Type Faces" is a flat quarto, in which an introductory essay on the subject of type design is followed by carefully planned and very full display of 6 types in the Venetian school, 13 selected from the school of old face design and 7 designs for titles and display only.

Mr. Morison has done much in England to direct printing taste and the study of book-making, and, earlier in the year, he was joint author with Holbrook Jackson of "A Brief Survey of Printing History and Practice."

The introductory matter to "Type Faces" gives a clear indication of the direction of his tastes and prepares the way for his selections of fonts. "Of the raw materials which go into the making of a fine book," ays Mr. Morison, "the most important is

the form of its letter, because the primary purpose of the book is to be read. The problem of selection is often less intelligently faced than it deserves. While the question of illustration, of paper and of binding secures some sort of attention from author and publisher, the type is left to take care of itself.

"The alphabet is like a code and should not be trifled with," says Mr. Morison, a very illuminating simile which points to the real hazard in much experimenting with type forms. Some of the private press fonts which have been failures have been so by too great divergence from standards, as the Essex House, Eragny and the Vale. "The cause of fine printing has suffered much from a vulgar craze for queer proprietary types."

Of the types of the Venetian family which the book selects for emphasis, there are reproduced the monotype font of Jenson, the Cloister type, a reproduction of early Italian letters called the "Inkunabula," Herbert P. Horne's Riccardi font and two

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signed by Herbert P. Horne.

The pages devoted to the Old Face School are of even more importance in the study of general book-making, as they include those fonts most generally available for trade books. Caslon Old Face is shown in all its beauty and in every size from 72point to 6-point. Referring to the wellknown incident of the revival of Caslon in 1844 by Pickering, Mr. Morison points out that it was but ten years ago that Caslon was used for the first time in a current novel, Martin Secker being the innovating publisher and the book one of Compton McKenzie's. Hugh Walpole's novels are now set in the English edition from the same face, and a large proportion of present-day title pages are using it. It is the width of this type as set on the general page that has prevented its wider use, but, from the reader's point of view, nothing finer could be asked than a 12-point Caslon.

The Garamond type is shown in the monotype's present rendering, considered by Mr. Morison to be particularly successful. Many of the presses in this country are putting in this font, and it seems likely that it will be very widely seen in book composition in the very near future. The 10-point Roman is a particularly beautiful

letter.

Of the other old face designs, there are the Baskerville, the Fell types, which have come so widely into use in the publications of the Oxford University Press, who own the original matrices, the Cochin, based on the French Eighteenth Century engraving, Goudy's Kennerley, one of his most adaptable faces for general use. No reproduction of Bodoni is given, tho it would seem as the some of the current versions of Bodoni which have avoided the sharp contrasts of some of the Bodonis, would belong in a book of this sort.

The alphabets instanced as useful only for display purposes include the very beautiful Lyons capitals, which were cut in 1858 and supply almost as perfect a monumental alphabet as could be wished; an open face from Fry & Steele, originally cast in 1795, decorated capitals after Fournier; the Forum type of Goudy, first made for the cover of the Forum Magazine and founded very directly on the stone cuttings of ancient Rome; also Mr. Goudy's Hadriano, a series of Roman capitals for use in in-

scriptions.

The greatest value of a book like this to the general progress of book-making is

not so much that it shall be available as a reference book for those who must plan new volumes, important as that function is, but that it helps to develop more eyes trained to see beauty in types. By such training, as in the training of the ear for music, a demand for finer books and a market for the best things that our presses can turn out gradually comes about. Good printing must always be a matter of painstaking care, and care and pains take time. and therefore cost money. As the market for good product increases, more such production will result, and, with still further increase, there will be still more insistence that even the very commonest product shall show the pains that have been taken.

Mr. Morison has proved himself a valuable leader in such discussion, and his tastes in types run in the direction of

sound progress.

Where are the old Books?

Two Denver papers, the Rocky Mountain News and the Denver Times, have been conducting a contest in conjunction with Lewis & Son, a department store, to locate the oldest books on the West. A committee of prominent Denver people are serving as judges and several hundred people a day have been visiting the exhibit of material that has been brought in by the contest, which includes early books on the West, manuscripts and authors' effects. The books are not necessarily on western subjects, but must be owned by some library there. Among the books that have turned up are manuscripts, first editions, presentation copies, etc.

American Books on Europe and European Literature

SERIES of articles is planned for Ex A Libris, the magazine of the American Library in Paris, on American publishers and what they have done to make European literature and institutions known in the W. Dawson Johnston, United States. editor of Ex Libris, has sent a letter to all the leading publishers, asking them questions with regard to what translations they have issued of works of European authors and what books about Continental Europe, its history, institutions, literature and These articles are going to survey this material, commenting on which books have been the most popular, which have seemed the most important in this country and what plans the publishers have for the future.

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George Henry Sargent of the Boston "Transcript"

THERE has been no better equipped, more sound and informing writer on book collecting and current bibliographical topics in this country than George Henry Sargent of the Boston Transcript. The debt of the writer to him has been growing for more than twenty years, for during this period he has been a constant

reader of Mr. Sargent's regular department and special And the articles. writer is by no means alone in his gratitude, for there are many scores widely scattered who subscribe for The Transcript just to keep in touch with Mr. Sargent's record of bibliographical happenings and discussion of interesting phases of book collecting. George D. Smith once said that Mr. Sargent had done more to popularize book collecting than any other man in this country, and undoubtedly he was right. Certainly no man ever connected with the press in this country has rendered anything

ike his long and effective service.

George Henry Sargent was born in Warner, N. H., May 5, 1867. After fitting for college he got the western fever and went to St. Paul, Minn., where he entered newspaper work. For some years he was ity editor of the St. Paul Pioneer-Press. After eight years' experience in western ournalism, he returned to Boston in 1905 and became connected with the Boston Transcript.

Mr. Sargent's first ancestor, William bargent, settled in Ipswich in 1630. The ater Sargents were a book loving family and Mr. Sargent had not been long in Boson before he began to show his family haracteristics. In 1903, with the issue farch 4, he started "The Bibliographer" in the Transcript, and this weekly department as long been reognized as the best bibliographical history of the period that we ave. Readers of this newspaper, who had ever given attention to book collecting, for

a time regarded this department as a fad for somebody else, but gradually became interested in it, and many began collecting. It has brought Mr. Sargent into touch with a wide circle of collectors, librarians, dealers and auctioneers, many of whom have become strong personal friends.

Mr. Sargent has shown over and over

again that book collecting is not altogether a rich man's game, that the field is broad enough for all classes, and that the pleasure that one gets out of books that he owns is immeasureably greater than its cost. In addition to his regular department the Transcript has given much space to special articles appealing to book lovers. Perhaps no writer of his time on bibliographical topics has been reprinted more than Mr. Sargent, and this has carried his influence far beyond the circle of Transcript readers.

In June, 1914, Mr. Sargent had a severe

attack of pleurisy and was "ordered north" by his physician. He now lives on the old farm in Warner, N. H., where he was born, with his aged parents and his wife. Recovering his health, he decided to make his permanent home on the old homestead, surrounded by antiques and a library of several thousand volumes. The old farm house is more than a hundred years old, and has been fitted up with modern conveniences, and many book lovers and librarians have visited him there. He has an annual "literary week-end" when a half dozen guests always have a "good time," long to be remembered.

Warner is located near Kearsarge Mountain and the farm is on a high elevation, with a beautiful view. The bookplate printed here shows the house with Kearsarge in the background. While still a regular department contributor to the Transcript, Antiques, and The Bookman's Journal, and an occasional contributor to





MR. SARGENT'S BOOKPLATE SHOWS HIS NEW HAMPSHIRE FARM WITH KEARSARGE IN THE DISTANCE

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other magazines, Mr. Sargent finds time to superintend the farm work, and gets work enough in the open to keep in physical trim.

Mr. Sargent has a satisfaction that does not often come to the journalist. For many years he stood alone in his chosen field, but in later years the appreciation for his long and faithful service has become wider and more widely known, not only in the New World but the Old World as well. It is a great achievement for a writer on bibliographical topics to have made so many warm and loyal friends who feel warm gratitude for what Mr. Sargent has done for them.

Mr. Mosher's Last Catalog

THE annual catalog of the "Mosher Books" for 1923 has just made its appearance and will be treasured by many booklovers. For a quarter of a century many discriminating bookbuyers have looked forward each season to Mr. Mosher's descriptive list, steadily growing in importance as the years passed. There never has been such a series of catalogs before and there is not likely to be another like it. This issue seems almost like a memorial edition and many will preserve it as one of the most interesting of relics of the dead publisher. On its title page are these lines from Whitman:

This is thy hour, O soul, thy free flight into the wordless,

Away from books, away from art, the day erased, the lesson done,

Thee fully forth emerging, silent, gazing, pondering the themes thou lovest best, Night, sleep, death and the stars.

The customary introduction is a reprint of "An Attempt at Appreciation of a Rare Spirit," written by Wilbur Needham and printed in the Chicago Evening Post April 20, 1923. Mr. Needham writes:

'He has done what every true booklover who is a litterateur would like to do. He has done his work so well that it is not really worth doing again. I think that the books of Thomas Bird Mosher,-books he never wrote but which are his because he put upon them the imprint of his taste in bookcraft and his selective genius in literary matters,-are meant for immortality. . . . The format of every book is exactly in the spirit of the author-and in the Mosher spirit, too. Most of them, not to speak of leather bindings for those who do not fear the rot of years, are in old style boards and in a cream cover of vellum, stamped in brown, and encased in a slip case to preserve it from dust. . . . There has been nothing like Thomas Bird Mosher before this dayhe is not, he asserts a 'second William Morris'-and there will be, we suspect,

nothing like him after this day has gone, and he with it."

After the usual descriptions of the "Mosher Books" written with a care and skill never lavished upon any publisher's catalog before, with blank spaces filled with exquisite prose extracts and poems, it ends with the following lines:

I know the night is near at hand, The mist on hill and bay, The autumn leaves are drifting by, But I have had the day.

Yes, I have had, dear Lord, the day; When at the call, I have the night Brief be the twilight as I pass From light to dork, from dark to light.

Mosher Business Continues

THE Mosher books will still be in active sale following the death of Mr. Mosher, the business being under the direction of Flora M. Lamb, for many years executive secretary to Mr. Mosher. No new titles will be added after the two which have been already planned for this fall, "A Free Man's Worship," by Bertrand Russell, and "The Children's Crusade," by Marcel Schwob, the last books planned by Mr. Mosher. A new catalog was already prepared, and all of the volumes in it will be printed as called for, exactly in the format designed for them originally by Mr. Mosher.

Canadian Pulp

A COMMISSION to investigate the general conditions in pulp and pulp wood in Canada has been appointed during the summer by the Canadian government, and the chairman is Joseph Picard, a manufacturer of Quebec. The commission consists of five members and a secretary. At the last session of Parliament, the government was empowered to prohibit the exportation of pulp wood if it felt it was best for the industry of Canada and for the maintenance of forests of the Dominion.



In the Rare Book Shops



A Symposium

By Frederic M. Hopkins

T occurred to the Publishers' Weekly that a consensus of opinion on business prospects, tendencies in collecting, general conditions of the rare book trade, might be of interest at this time. A letter was sent to many rare book dealers and managers of departments and others have been interviewed. All agree that business prospects are excellent, that there is a very strong interest in the literature of our own time, and that many new collectors are coming into the field, and that altogether, the rare book trade is in a very healthy condition with very bright prospects ahead.

Various points of view have been expressed. We are printing some of these opinions and observations and we believe that the book collecting world will find them of interest at this time.

Dr. Rosenbach Optimistic

The Rosenbach Company, of Philadelphia and New York, has been very busy buying and selling great rarities during the last twelve months. It has been incomparably the greatest buyer of costly rarities in the auction rooms of New York and London. And two of the biggest transactions, at home or abroad—the library of James W. Ellsworth of this city and that of Olry-Roederer of Paris-stand to its credit. And what a string of great libraries of international reputation this firm has bought within a comparatively short period! Beginning with the library of Clarence S. Bement, the famous libraries of George C. Thomas, Harry B. Smith, Marsden J. Perry and Robert Shuhmann followed at close intervals. And not one of these libraries was purchased as an agent; all were bought for stock, to be gradually sold in the course of trade.

No man living is in closer touch with the nner circle of the rare book world, at home nd abroad, than Dr. Rosenbach. He has, rom the beginning, shown a keen insight nto the wants of American collectors and nto the philosophy of rare book values. His bibliographical knowledge and good udgment is everywhere held in high repect, because he has been free to act upon

them and they have brought him wonderful success. In the past five years his influence and example has been a stabilizing factor of the greatest importance, and for this reason his views are eagerly sought on boths sides

of the Atlantic.

Dr. Rosenbach takes an optimistic view of present conditions. The rare book business in this country is in good hands. This is much to be grateful for. And then we have a larger number of resourceful collectors than any other country ever had be-They have initiative, discrimination, fore. sound bibliographical intelligence, plenty of money. Here are the fundamentals of prosperous business. The year of the armistice showed us that we could take care of all of the rarities that could reach the market, and our buying capacity has grown since then. The rare book business will not suffer from the lack of buyers; the one great problem is to get the books to maintain the present keen and growing interest. The indications are, however, that many valuable books will come into the market in London and New York this season-enough to keep the rare book trade busy and prosperous.

Many changes have been going on in the last three months at the book rooms of The Rosenbach Company at 273 Madison Avenue. One of these provides a large safe deposit vault with capacity to hold several thousand volumes, with unusual conveni-

ences for examination.

Drake on Modern First Editions

James F. Drake removed from 4 West 40th Street during the summer to 14 West 40th Street, where he has one of the handsomest and best stocked rare book shops in the city. Mr. Drake thinks conditions for the rare book trade for the coming season will be very favorable. The important sales to be held in the auction rooms, the Gable and Quinn sales, for instance, are sure to arouse great interest among collectors.

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works of the authors of the 19th century. He finds that collectors do not, as in old days, endeavor to get every book by a particular author. The tendency is to buy the books which interest him of the author which he likes. Thus a collector will have on his shelves the best books, or the most notable books, of many authors, rather than the complete sets of first editions of a few authors. This wide interest in many writers tends to help the book-trade, and it also increases the owner's interest in his own library.

Mr. Drake has just issued his first fall catalog, mostly first editions of modern authors, and the response was immediate and very satisfactory. The quickness with which good material, whether in booksellers' catalogs or in the auction room, finds a buyer, is demonstration enough that American collectors are wide awake and ready to buy the right kind of books and pay a fair

price for them.

Gabriel Wells Hopeful

Gabriel Wells, the well known dealer at 489 Fifth Avenue, divides his interest between the new and the old. In a few months recently, he sold a limited edition of Mark Twain that the famous author's publishers began twenty years ago and lacked the courage to finish. He is now busy selling a beautiful limited edition of George Borrow, and this will be followed by a limited edition of the works of Thomas Love Peacock, and a little later of Anatole France. Mr. Wells's relations with the best dealers in this country and England are such that he is pretty sure to sell quickly any edition that bears his imprint.

Alongside of this production of the new. Mr. Wells conducts a sale of nuggets of all periods and departments of literature. Rare books, autograph letters, manuscripts, drawings, of the greatest rarity and value, find a place in his carefully selected stock. Once a year Mr. Wells spends several months in England and on the Continent in search of literary rarities. Mr. Wells' publishing interests, together with his buying and selling of literary rarities gives him a broad and advantageous point of observation.

Mr. Wells is not given to over enthusiasm. He sees and weighs conditions accurately. He has built up a very large business in a few years as a result of his accurate observation and good judgment. After weighing the pro and con, elements of strength and weakness, he is disposed to take a hopeful view. The present unknown quantity is the large number of new collectors. Much depends upon what rare

book dealers do to encourage and develop them. The progress in the personnel of the rare book trade encourages one to believe that it will rise to its opportunity and carry forward the good work of the last decade.

As Mr. Hackett Sees It

E. Byrne Hackett, president of the Brick Row Book Shop, Inc., of New York, New Haven and Princeton, is of the opinion that the present season has in it considerable promise for the rare book trade in this While it is too early in the country. autumn to discover any well-defined trend in public taste, certain tendencies which revealed themselves in the spring have become more accentuated as the season opens. The trend is toward buying the better class Collectors will collect modern of books. authors with more discrimination than they have shown of late. Authors of established reputation will be sought after as heretofore, while Stevenson, Kipling, Hardy and Conrad will be more widely collected than ever, and Masefield will find new friends even tho he has suffered a marked check this year due to over-exploitation and the frequently misleading prices of the auction room. Mr. Hackett looks to the Quinn sale to give a marked stimulus to the collection of the best work of modern authors and expects several of the Conrad manuscripts to fetch extraordinarily high prices. The sale of the splendid Gable library, too, will have a wholesome effect, with its appeal to the seasoned collector and his preference for the books of established authors. George Moore will still be collected in his early books, which have become classics, but his more recent books in artificially limited editions will with difficulty maintain the exaggerated prices at which they are held.

The book buying public is showing a marked disinclination to buy limited editions, with some exceptions. The publishers who have issued inferior material in a pseudo de luxe format at a high price are difficulties in marketing their product, tho presses or printers who have established a reputation for integrity in their work are meeting with public support. The output of the Nonesuch Press is eagerly taken up and the beautifully made books issued by this press at a modest price have no equal in this country. The books designed by Bruce Rogers and the publications of the Grolier Club are growing in demand, while the best books issued by the Kelmscott, Vale, Eragny Presses are slowly recovering from neglect.

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tury authors: Smollett, Richardson, Sterne, Fielding, Goldsmith, and Johnson, whose works are eagerly sought after and whose first editions bring higher prices in the London market than ever before. Many books, like the first editions of Fielding's "Tom Jones" and Sterne's "Sentimental lourney" cost twice as much as they did when the Brick Row Book Shop first began to deal in them eight years ago. Perhaps no author has shown so marked an advance in values as Samuel Johnson, whose books and the literature about him is in very active demand. Prominent among the 18th century famous books which the public eagerly acquire is Boswell's "Life of Johnson" in the first edition. Only a few vears ago, it could be bought for £10 to £12; now it brings from \$200 to \$250 for a good copy, and the tendency is even toward higher prices, tho here the supply is large, there having been 2000 copies of the first edition printed. The literature of the Elizabethan and Restoration periods has not come back in so full favor but is slowly but steadily finding its way into the better class of libraries. The comparative neglect of the substantial and permanent literature of these periods make their collection at this time advisable.

Among the more recent authors, Katherine Mansfield, Sheila Kaye-Smith, Aldous Huxley, Edmund Blunden, W. H. Hudson loom large and are growing in favor. Drinkwater, Galsworthy and Hewlett are increasing in popularity, while slowly but surely Walter de la Mare is forging to the front rank where he properly belongs.

Condition is more than ever being insisted upon, and the American collector shows excellent judgment in insisting upon "original condition as issued" wherever possible.

Mr. Hackett is of the opinion that the public has only just began to collect books and has the greatest confidence that the business of rare bookselling has its best period ahead of it, and another decade will show many more private libraries established and the purchase and sale of rare books firmly and prosperously entrenched.

Walter M. Hill's Point of View

Walter M. Hill, 22 East Washington Street, Chicago, the leading rare book dealer in the Central West, is just publishing his 100th catalog after a quarter of a century in business for himself. His point of view is expressed at length in an introduction to this catalog.

The dealer in rare books," says Mr.

Hill, "is commonly supposed to be a servant to bibliomaniacs. Let it be understood, however, that bibliomania died with the dissolution of the great personal collections and was succeeded by the more rational and sympathetic spirit of bibliophilia. We now live in the era of carefully organized, logically circumscribed special collection, which is equally removed from mania and mere whim. The bibliophile nowadays insists that his collection indicate in a measure his efforts in life, his work, his calling. It has also led to a great deal of useful work in bibliography. We are mindful of the dictum of one of our contemporaries, to the effect that any well organized collection on any subject whatever, will attract interest.

"The dealer, in his relations with his bibliophile patrons, is neither a servant nor a simple business agent. His initiative is called into action as often as his efficiency in procuring desirable pieces; and his judgment must be ready. Any subject is promising. The field of vision open to the dealer must be far wider than that of his average client. Many subjects, or groups of subjects, have been over-collected. It always is refreshing to meet some one with an original field of interest in which the possibilities of successful work still are open. Thus, local collections, or state groups of authors, and topics of national importance thus far have been sporadically worked up in America. Folklore holds out great promise to collectors of all countries. The drama likewise. We might suggest also the first issues of authors' first books, of modern periods, in America and England. We never yet saw an adequate collection of fugitive poetry of America. Early song writing likewise calls for deserved attention. Biography has been much neg-Biography and autobiography, in every field, form charming groups. The much-debated specialty of association copies still is far from being exhausted. Bindings likewise deserve much more attention than they have received hitherto. While science and technology are said to dominate our development of ideas, it is peculiar how indifferently they are considered by the collector. These are some reasonable pos-Their number and variety might sibilities. be multiplied infinitely. But let it be understood that no bookseller can obtain lasting satisfaction by being a mere procurer of books. Each purchase and sale, to satisfy him fully, must include these elements: the worthy book; the commensurate price; the promise of lasting satisfaction on both sides."

A Tribute to the American Collector

Charles E. Lauriat, Jr., of the firm of Charles E. Lauriat & Co., is on his second trip to England this year in search of fine books for his Boston book shop. The demand for good old English editions, with their large type and solid old bindings is increasing as they become harder to get. They are sold about as fast as they are brought into the American market. One of the notable coups of the year was the purchase abroad of the John Croft Deverell library. From the time of its arrival and exhibition, there was a procession of book collectors to Lauriat's, and only a fragment now remains.

Not long ago, in an interview in the Boston Transcript, Mr. Lauriat paid a tribute to the American collector and it has been suggested is well worth printing at this time. "I do not suppose," says Mr. Lauriat, "there is or ever has been a type of collector so thoro in his method and spirit as the best type of American connoisseur. This is true not merely of worldfamous men like Mr. Morgan or Mr. Huntington, but men of whom you hear perhaps only occasionally. They are very often men who have either inherited great names and houses and possessions on ancestral lines and are as proud (and justly so) of their tradition as any of the oldest lines in France or Italy; or else they are men who have been the architects of their own fortunes. In either case they bring to bear on any pursuit they take up-whether sport or philanthropy, art or literature-a combination of faculties about as keen as ever were planted in a human head. This makes them fastidious-for zealous-sometimes even the perfect thing, and unwearied in their quiet determination to possess it. Some of them in this way (simply thru working for love, you may say) have come to be quite abreast of the most expert dealers, and in lines where they have specialized, sometimes ahead. It is no uncommon thing for a first class dealer to refer on some disputed point to a client who has gone much further in certain directions than the dealer can possibly proceed himself. And I have never known that information withheld where the request was sincerely and courteously put. It goes to show that in the fine flower of connoisseurship, where men are willing to make sacrifices for the pursuit they love, America has nothing to yield to the Old World. So much for what I mean

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"You will ask how it comes about that men who are placed at the disadvantages of thousands of miles from the quarry will be

able to hold their own against European hunters who are out for the same objective It is not merely a matter of money, as you know, for this reason: The war has sent a great wave of precious things westward in the past seven years, but dealers will tell you that there has been no appreciable lowering of prices, and that rare and coveted things are as secure in their values as ever they were-possibly more so. No, it is not merely a matter of long purses; it is a matter of cool and persistent searching, and the requisition of all available information long before the best things come into the market. There is an important stage before this; in fact, I venture to think that one consideration with many a diffident owner on your side [the English] is a perception of the fact that the American collector can be and often is a man equal to himself in all respects and attainments, and this builds up a feeling of fraternity which may establish a transfer. It is only natural that a man who has cherished lovely things all of his life, like his fathers before him. should be anxious to see these things pass into the keeping of others of a similar disposition. If we can feel that they will be carefully housed and preserved and passed on from generation to generation, as if they were a precious charge, then there is the less sense of loss, either individual or national. What can be more logical or human, after all? The first thing you stipulate when you part with a horse or a dog you prize is that he shall go into the hands of people who will value him tenderly as you have done yourself. This is the same with fine pictures or books, and if anything the feeling is intenser still, because you are thinking in terms of centuries, and you want the rarities of past ages to descend to later ages in as sound a condition, if possible, as you have received them yourself. You may call it the romance of collecting, if you like, but there is an adventure of reason and sentiment in most of our permanent human interests, and here I believe the spirit at work is a true and laudable one which all the best collectors will recognize in any country and any age."

Observations of a Veteran Dealer

Ernest Dressel North, 4 East 30th Street, has had a long experience in selling rare books. He entered the employ of Scribner, Armstrong & Co., 742-45 Broadway, as junior salesman in 1877. Six years later he became manager of the rare book department, continuing in this capacity until September, 1902, when he started in business at 18 East 20th Street, and two years

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book topics to The Book Buyer, the New
York Evening Post, and other publications.
With this large background of experience
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has to say to those interested in rare books

s of special value. In these forty-five years, Mr. North has vitnessed an enormous rise in values, the uncturing of many collector's bubbles, as vell as the steady advance in the real typoraphical and literary monuments. As the wealth of the country increases, people ravel, interest in paintings, etchings and are books will continue to increase. Many of the most valuable books sold in the great English auction market during this period has come to this country. Such collections s those of J. Pierpont Morgan, Robert Hoe, Harry Elkins Widener, W. A. Clark, r., Charles W. Clark, Charles Templeton Crocker, Cortland F. Bishop and Henry E. Huntington have been largely fed by the American and English auction sales. One nust not forget, however, that famous colectors like Morgan and Huntington could never have gathered their great libraries had it not been for their wisdom in buying

To those looking forward to being the collectors of the future, Mr. North strongly commends "getting ahead of the procession" and planning for a line of collecting n which the field is not already preempted by the rich collectors. In starting right, which is the main thing, the experienced are book dealer can be of immense service to the young collector. It will save him ime and money to have the right kind of dviser.

Mr. North will issue his 66th catalog in November. These have varied in character rom clearance catalogs to catalogs of one undred famous books in English literature with careful and exhaustive notes. North has always found that careful decriptions and literary and bibliographical lotes have been greatly appreciated by the ollector and has generally helped to prouce very satisfactory results. He believes ha rare books should be valued with the reatest care, that prices should be net, that bookseller should deserve the confidence f collectors in both his judgment and fairless. A bookseller may be brilliant in other vays, but if he is lacking in these fundanentals of character he is seriously handiapped.

Developing the Young Collector

Ernest R. Gee, of Ernest R. Gee & Co., 442 Madison Avenue, is of the opinion that conditions here and in England are better than they have been for some time. While in England this summer he attended the sale of the Earl Carysfort's books and witnessed the tremendous interest, crowding Sotheby's rooms full, not even standing room remaining, and bringing together people from all parts of the world. This interest and the keen competition for every item was a demonstration of the great demand for genuinely rare books. The booksellers in London were busy and cheerful, having had a heavy auction season which lasted until the end of July. There seemed to be, however, a scarcity of real fine books. and when found these were generally high

The trade in rare books differs from book selling generally. A rare book shop should be a place of repose where booklovers can come in and browse about, with comfortable chairs where prospective buyers can examine the books that interest them with deliberation. It is next to impossible to sell a rare book over a counter. We have in New York an ever growing band of good booksellers and it is in their power to increase the interest in rare books; they are the men that come in direct contact with the collector in embryo and can make or mar him. The young buyer, in most cases, must know something about rare books and collecting before he becomes a collector. It is well to study him carefully, find out where his interests lie, give him information on the subjects that interest or should interest him, and help him to make a good beginning. Some booksellers do not care to give real bibliographical information. This is a mistake, as it is just the out of the way information that frequently awakens interest and tends to make a loyal customer.

Mr. Gee specializes in sporting books, colored plate books of the Cruikshank and Rowlandson period, and brought home from London some choice and valuable selections. He has a catalog of sporting books in press which will be ready for mailing very soon.

Modern First Editions at Dutton's

Of all the general book stores in this city, that of E. P. Dutton & Co. under the direct management of Henry C. Smith, is one of the most important. Mr. Smith has taken great interest in the new collector, and will pay special attention to the first editions of modern authors this year because they provide an opportunity for the new collector

to enjoy all the delights of first editions and first issues, and the double gamble of what is going to be worthwhile. The older authors are naturally more established and are a much greater strain upon the young collector's pocket book. The double gamble is the gamble of taste and whether it will live in sound judgment. Years later it will tell whether you have a taste for literature or not. This pride of choice is a thing that people not in the book world cannot understand, and as a rule the truly literary person does not realize that the lure of first editions is more "precious" than literary. The other gamble is whether you can buy a book at the published price that is going to greatly appreciate in value, and it is a funny thing that the people who think that this is an extraordinary ambition generally do not hesitate to buy stocks, real estate, and such things, anticipating a rise, and yet they begrudge the modest collector buying something that is a pleasure to look at in the home, delightful to the mind to read, and of increasing value for a rainy day to come.

Mr. Sessler's Opinion

Sessler's book shop at 1314 Walnut Street is one of the most delightful in Philadelphia. Here Charles Sessler began the sale of rare books in 1905, and in the years since has seen his business grow to large propor-His long experience among books dates back to 1882, and for many years he was especially interested in fine standard editions. For almost twenty years, he has specialized in colored plate books, especially of the period of Cruikshank and Rowlandson; first editions of Thackeray and Dickens; authors' manuscripts, literary and historical letters, and presentation and association copies of important authors. late years, much attention has been given to original etchings, current literature, first editions of modern authors, and new English publications. In his long experience, Mr. Sessler has seen a steady growth of interest in rare books in all fields and a corresponding development of the rare book trade. Much interesting and valuable material has passed thru his hands into the libraries of the great collectors. The high prices of one period have become the low prices of the next. Mr. Sessler's slogan might be said to be: "Book collecting is at once the most delightful hobby and the safest investment." He regards book collecting as in a healthy state of development and is of the opinion that the next twelve months have much in store for the dealer who has enterprise and energy and who deserves the confidence of collectors.

A Shop Where Extremes Meet

There is still romance in the book trade Mr. Weyhe's book shop at 710 Lexington Avenue, devoted especially to prints and books on the fine arts, demonstrates the fact. Mr. Weyhe started in business in 1915 with desk room in a basement store from there he went to a plumber's shop taking part of the store at \$17.50 pe month. In 1918 he moved to his own stor at 710 Lexington Avenue, and now he occupying his own new building. Mr Weyhe's book shop is one of the few i this country which combine the sale o books with that of etchings, engravings lithographs, and wood-cuts-in other words a combination of prints with printed book under the title of graphic arts. Here may be found the very latest publications of modernist art as well as in the wood-cu books of the 15th and 16th century, when you find original prints by Dürer and Rem brandt in close proximity to Picasso, Ma tisse and the very modern young Americans It is an unique combination, said to b quite unlike any other bookstore in Europ or America. Probably in no book and prin shop are more battles fought over old an modern art, and the very question "What is art?" This book shop, with its dis tinctly European atmosphere, is a real meet ing place of the old and the new, of th art lover of conservative taste and the mod ernist whose preferences are sometime hard to understand. Mr. Weyhe has con tended that the price one pays is not th standard of real worth; that very fin things, even masterpieces, may be bough for a few dollars.

Brentano's of New York and Chicago

Brentano's of New York and Brentano of Chicago are one in ownership and on in policy. Both of these stores will pa more attention this year to the interests of very discriminating book buyers than eve before. Many purchases were made durin the summer in England and on the Con tinent. These include colored plate book choice standard editions, fine bindings, rar ties of the last century, and first edition of authors of our own time. It is the experience of this famous book house that Americans have always been book reader and now they are rapidly becoming boo The reaction of war time ha brought a studied respect for values, sti the prospect for the coming season is ver good with a tendency toward higher price The book shop that makes a strong appear to the best class of American book buyer is sure to do a good business.

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AMERICAN FIRST EDITIONS

A Series of Bibliographic Check-Lists*

Edited by Merle Johnson and Frederick M. Hopkins

DECENTLY there has been much publicity for the expressed opinions of certain dealers R as to the futility of collecting first editions of the moderns. As conductor (M. J.) of this column of modernity, it seems proper for me in this rare book number to give reason for faith.

Dealing in certified classics is playing safe for both dealer and collector. The dealer sells high-priced merchandise to men of wealth; his profit per transaction is great, simplifying and making agreeable his business. The collector can point to his shelves with pride

in certainty that no one but the iconoclast may sneer.

That states only one side of the question. It leaves out of court the collector with the pioneer spirit, who wishes to make his own decisions as to greatness. Just yesterday a man stated as his greatest pride that he had begun buving first editions of Conrad five years before other collectors recognized that author's worth.

The collector of moderns necessarily makes mistakes; but that is ever true in the path of growth and learning—the collector is developing his own taste and power instead of merely accepting the dictates of others. And also it may be stimulating the efforts and raising the standards of living authors who are given the collector's hall-mark of appreciation. Why keep all the flowers for cemeteries? * *

With these few words we will pass on to a list of books published or to be published this year whose authors have been listed so far in this column. Some of these books I have not seen, so cannot state whether date is on title page.

ANDERSON-Horses and Men.

ATHERTON-A Daughter of the Vine.

CABELL-The High Places. 2000 numbered copies.

CATHER-A Lost Lady. 200 copies large paper.

COBB-A Laugh a Day Keeps the Doctor Away.

CRANE-Stephen Crane, by Thomas Beer.

FROST—New Hampshire. O. HENRY—Postscripts.

HEARN-Essays in European and Oriental Literature.

HERGESHEIMER—The Presbyterian Child.

MILLAY—The Harp Weaver and Other Poems.

MORLEY-Parson's Pleasure.

Pandora Lifts the Lid, with Don Marquis. Inward Ho!

An Apology for Boccaccio. SANDBURG—Rootabaga Pigeons.

TWAIN-Europe and Elewhere.

Speeches.

Revised and enlarged edition.

WHARTON-A Son at the Front.

WILSON-The Road Away From Revolution. Woodrow Wilson's Case for the League of Nations.

The following corrections have come in for previous lists:

BIERCE-Write It Right, 1909. First issue measures 3 x 51/8 in.

OBB-Snake Doctor is [1923] not 1923.

HERGESHEIMER—Cytherea. 100 numbered copies in large paper form were distributed to "the publisher's book-seller friends" before publication.

TABB-Two Lyrics. Boston, [1900]. 50 copies on Japan.

TARKINGTON—The Midlander.

Is announced for early in 1924.

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WHITMAN-Leaves of Grass.

Washington, 1871. Green Wrappers. Camden and Philadelphia, 1882. First Philadelphia Edition has Rees Welch & Comprint.

Memoranda During the War. 1875-76.

Has signed page with words "Remembrance Copy."

Specimen Days. 1882-83.

First issue has Rees Welch & Co. imprint.

November Boughs, Philadelphia, 1888. Green cover, uncut, quarto.

Calamus, Boston, 1887.

Large paper issue of 35 numbered copies. Autobiographies. New York, 1892. First issue has Chas. L. Webster imprint.

Chicago's Great Printing Library

The Wing Collection Will Have Permanent Influence

HICAGO has a new typographical library that is already beginning to attract international attention. John Mansir Wing, its founder, was born in western New York in 1845. After learning the printer's trade he went to Chicago in 1866 and acquired a competence as the publisher of two successful trade journals, retiring from business in 1889 at the age of forty-three and devoting the remaining twenty-eight years of his life to book collecting and extra-illustration. He died in 1917, leaving his collection to the Newbery Library together with funds for the development of a typographical library on carefully planned lines and to be known as the John M. Wing Foundation.

The income from these funds became available in late 1919. A few purchases were made before the end of the year. Systematic work began in the following January and the upbuilding has steadily progressed since. This foundation has advantages that warrants the expectation that it will be one of the greatest of its kind at no distant day. To begin with, it is the first purely typographical library to enter the field with an independent endowment sufficient to insure uninterrupted growth. The capital sum set apart for its support is not large, but nearly the whole of the income goes to increase its collections. Moreover, by its organization within a larger collection, it has a rich store of typographical material to draw from and thus possesses by proxy what it would otherwise have to purchase for itself.

In its bibliographical collections the Newbery Library has a large group of books relating to typography, while elsewhere there are many examples from famous presses which are rare and very valuable. The Probasco and Bonaparte collections alone, both of which the library purchased many years ago, contain several hundred

specimens which are indispensable for the purpose of the foundation, and which, if had to purchase them in the present mark would undoubtedly absorb its whole resources for many years. But as they a under the same roof these volumes a available at any time to meet the need of the typographical reader. It is planned however, to bring them together in a specimenous adjacent to the Wing Foundation at have their places filled by dummies on the shelves of the main library.

The first reports of the Wing Found tion published in the papers of the Bibliographical Society of America nearly twyears ago showed how promptly and efficiently work began to build up this collection. The first large purchase and a mofortunate one was at the Theodore L. I. Vinne sale early in 1920. Here were offered about 2,000 titles collected over long course of years by the most scholar typographer of America. Omitting work of general reference and the like there mained about 1,250 titles of typographic interest, but 950 of there were in the New bery Library. This left only 300 desiderat for the Wing Foundation and of these secured all but fifty.

From the beginning it has been the police to give special attention to books of Amer In this field the Newber can interest. Library has much that is rare and val able. For instance, it has the Ayer colle tion which includes rarities such as the Williamsbur Eliot Indian Bible, the Washington. The Wing Foundation ha added such books as Franklin's Cicero an Fry and Kamerer's "Columbiad," and other books generally accepted as the finest products of the early presses. But in addition to its interest in ancient literature and ear Americana, the work of the artist printer of our own time has not been forgotter For instance, the Kelmscott series is com

e, and representative examples from all he more important successors to Morris included, among them upwards of thirty the finest specimens of the work of

ce Rogers. hese reports, however, do not tell the ole story. Much has been accomplished ing the last year. Mr. Pierce Butler has completed a book hunting trip on t ntinent in which he has accomplished a at deal for this new library.

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I sailed from New York the 10th of ril, landing at Bremen on the 21st and nt directly to Frankfurt where the first k I purchased was Baer's copy of the biaco Lactantius, the first extant book nted in Italy. Last year this same copy been offered me in marks which, at the of exchange then current, meant when uced to dollars and cents, something re than twice what the book cost this r. We had not considered last year's ce exorbitant, but we didn't feel we could nd so much money at that time. But year we were very glad to purchase and I had the satisfaction from the very t week of knowing that I had already re than offset the cost of the journey. fore I had left Frankfurt I had secured ty-four other incunabula, of lesser imtance than the Lactantius, of course, but te the less desirable acquisitions as specins of cities, printers or types not previly represented in our collection.

From Frankfurt I went out one day to inz to visit Dr. Heidenheimer and the tenberg Museum. Getting back thru French lines that night was not without nor adventure, but I did so. Next I on to Stuttgart, bought a few incunabula m Gerschel, to Basel where I purchased re from Geering, Lugano where Spaeth L'Art Ancien sold me twenty-two more, lan where I bought thirty-three from r and Hoepli, and Rome where Lang d me ten more. I then spent some time Florence where I bought some twentyfrom Olschki, De Marinis and Orioli, tew days in Venice where I bought no oks but had a corking time, Vienna where got a few items from Gilhofer and nschberg, at Prague and Dresden I made purchases, but at Leipzig Hiersemann d fifty incunabula suitable for our wants, d Harrassowitz sold me a few, finally aring at Munich where Dr. Erwin Rosen-l (his father, Jaques, was out of town) d me eighteen. My bag for the whole nt totalled 223 incunabula, sixteen better in last year's record. We now have just ort of 1,000 items, representing 75 citie

When the Wing funds were first available in 1919 the Newbery Library had 280 items from 34 towns.

"Of all the books I saw probably Baer's contained the greatest number of rarities and Hiersemann's the books in finest condition. Many of the German public libraries have been weeding out duplicates and Hiersemann's seems to get the best of these. In point of numbers Olschki's stock was probably the largest, with Rosenthal's a close second, but these two dealers seem to purchase largely in the circle of Italian traditions and accordingly they have a large proportion of defective and shabby copies.

"Altho I have not found time to catalog all of these purchases, I believe these figures are approximately correct: threefourths of the volumes in old bindings, and at least one-third in vernacular languages, many with woodcuts and all but two or

I suppose in making my selection I looked

three are perfect copies.

at over 4,000 incunabula.

"Tho buying in this somewhat hasty fashion and primarily for typographical interest, I was by no means forced to disregard text value and load up with a lot of ecclesiastical Latin.

"Among the most notable items I may mention in addition to the Lactantius:

Moses Nachamanides, Commentaria super legum. Lisbon, Rabbi Eliezar. July 1489. H. 11670; Pr. 9833.

The first book printed in Lisbon, and our second Hebrew incunabulum. I bought our first Hebrew incunabulum last year.

EUCLID. ELEMENTA. Venice. Ratdolt,

1482. H. 6693; 4383.

A perfect copy with all of the marginal diagrams untouched by the plough. first edition of Euclid and a volume hard to find in good condition.

DOMENICO CAVALCA SPECHIO DI CROCE.

H. 4782; Pr. 7415.

Printer and place unknown, but probably Milan, about 1483.

"This was in some ways the pleasantest purchase of the whole trip, for the Italian dealer paid no attention to its English points and sold at a distressingly low figure. This was Proctor's copy with his bookplate, bound for him by Douglas Cockerell in 1902, in the best Cockerell style with R. P. worked in the ornament, and afterwards owned by George Dunn with his characteristic pencil notations. Altogether I got about ten Dunn copies, two Woodhull, one Systen Park, one Sunderland, a couple of Kloss and about twenty-five Fairfax Mur-"An outstanding event of the trip was a

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leisurely luncheon lasting most of the afternoon at Olschki's villa with Dr. Konrad Haebler and Processor Christian Huelson as fellow guests. Haebler has retired on pension from the Berlin Library and is devoting his time to the "General Catalog of Incunabula" which was well on its way to completion when the war broke out. Hiersemann promises to have the first volume printed during the winter. It is somewhat disappointing to learn that this will follow the Hain arrangement alphabetically by author instead of the more scientific Bradshaw-Proctor system. Of course the plan includes a final printer index but who knows when this will be done?

"All of the European dealers seem to be using the Winship Census against us. For positive information the Census is invaluable, for negative evidence valueless. Yet

the dealers go on adding a husky per centure to their prices for every item of which the assume there is 'no copy in America'."

It is evident that the typographical librar of the Wing Foundation is growing rapid in importance. Strange to say, there as only three other similar collections win which it may be compared. The Bibliothe of Borsenverein at Leipzig stands alone of the Continent. The St. Bride's Foundation in London is the only one in England. It this country we have the Typographic Library of the American Type Founder Company in Jersey City. The fame of these three collections has become international. With the great advantages of the Wing Foundation, its collection bids fawithin a comparatively short period to rive these older collections in both size an rarity.

Prospects for the Coming Auction Season

THERE is pretty general agreement that the auction season upon which we are now entering will be a busy one. The amount of rare and valuable material does not appear to be quite up to the standard of recent years, but some very interesting and valuable collections will be dispersed. If prices should be firm, or show the tendency to advance, some very important collections may come into the market after New Year's. Much will depend upon the record made in the next two months. During this period there are enough important sales to be held to try out pretty thoroly the enthusiasm of collectors generally.

At the Anderson Galleries

Mitchell Kennerley, president of the Anderson Galleries, who in past years has shown wonderful accuracy in judging business conditions from the auction room standpoint, says the "outlook is certainly good." Several sales have been held in the Anderson Galleries this season, and prices were very satisfactory. There is every indication that when valuable material comes into the market it will bring good prices.

One of the most interesting and important sales ever held in this country will be that of the library of John Quinn, the well-known lawyer of this city, whose 20,000 volumes, mainly first editions of modern authors, will be sold in a series of sales lasting nearly thru the season. No such extensive collection of the first editions of modern authors has ever been sold, and the Quinn sale will undoubtedly be to modern books what the Hoe sale was to the older

periods. A few outstanding names in the catalog are Thomas Hardy, George Mer dith, Max Beerbohm, Sir Richard Burto Bliss Carman, Henry James, Rudyard Kiling, Joseph Conrad, Stephen Crane, John Conrad, Stephen Crane, Stephen Crane, Stephen Crane, Stephen Crane, Stephen Crane, Stephen Crane, Stephen Conrad, Stephen Crane, Stephen Cran Galsworthy, Walt Whitman, W. B. Year George Bernard Shaw, Robert Lou Stevenson, Walter Pater, George Moor John Masefield, William Morris and A. Swinburne. Not content with acquiring t first editions, Mr. Quinn bought many val able manuscripts. A notable instance this is in the case of Joseph Conrad, whose writings Mr. Quinn has all of t autograph manuscripts preserved by tauthor, from the first, "Almayer's Folly published in 1895, to "Chance" published 1914. In some cases Mr. Quinn has t original autograph manuscript and also t typewritten copy corrected by the author In the case of every book by Joseph Co rad the printed version differs consideral from the original autograph manuscript, a in many cases Mr. Quinn has the correct printer's proofs showing these change Part I of the collection will be sold November 12, 13 and 14.

Other sales before the holidays will is clude the Virginia libraries of the late General John E. Roller of Harrisonburg, the late General James E. Breckinridge Botecourt, and the late Judge William Robertson of Charlotteville: the library of gentleman of the middle West; the library of the late Mrs. Phoebe A. D. Boyle Brooklyn; Part II of the Ouinn library and a number of sales composed of mixtonsignments.

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Negotiations are nearly concluded for everal important collections which will be old early in the New Year if business contitions are as good as it now appears that hey will be.

At the American Art Galleries

Arthur Swann, manager of the Book and rint Department of the American Art Asociation, is confident that the association vill have a very busy and successful season. he first sale at the American Art Galeries will be held November 5 and 6, when Part I of the collection of William F. Gable f Altoona, Pa., will be dispersed. art contains 1000 items, consisting of first ditions, autograph letters, and manuscripts f American and English authors. Among he authors represented by important colections or items of great rarity, are Aldich, William Loring Andrews, Matthew Arnold, Elizabeth Barrett and Robert Browning, Burns, Byron, Mark Twain, Dickens, Field, Fiske, Fitzgerald, Joel Hardy, Hawthorne, Chandler Harris, Hearn, Dr. Holmes, Kipling, George Moore, John Howard Payne, Riley, Shelley, Stevenson, Swinburne, Bayard Thoreau, Whitman, Whittier and Wilde. There are, also, many fine bindings, publiations of the Doves and Kelmscott Presses, and of the Grolier Club.

In November the Albert Bieber collection of American poetry and plays, mainly of the last decades of the eighteenth century or the early years of the nineteenth century, will be dispersed. Other sales in November include an important collection of American lithographs, the property of E. C. Ford; and the library of Dr. William M. Conant of Boston, consisting of standard sets in fine bindings and some important art publications and extra-illustrated works.

In December Part II of the library of William F. Gable, consisting entirely of Americana, and including many rare and valuable autograph letters and manuscripts, will be sold. This will be followed by the sale of the library of Jules Kahn of Chicago, comprising an extensive collection of the best library editions mainly in fine bindings, including some of the finest limited and de luxe editions of nineteenth century American and English authors.

In January the Thackeray collection of Herman L. R. Edgar, including the rarest and most valuable early first editions in the choicest possible condition will be offered. This will be followed in the same month by the sale of the library of the late Ellen B. Roberts, consisting in the main of choice

standard sets of hineteenth century American and English authors.

Other sales this season will include a notable collection of the first editions of Joseph Conrad, all inscribed; an important series of manuscripts of Robert Louis Stevenson; the library of the late J. B. Ward of this city, comprising fine sets, and publications of the Grolier Club, the Riverside Press, Bibliophile Society, and an interesting series of extra-illustrated books; the library of Charles B. Eddy of Plainfield, N. J., comprising a valuable collection of books relating to the fine arts and an important reference library relating to artistic subjects; a collection of Americana, the property of H. C. Holmes of San Francisco, relating to California and the Far West; the library of the late Colonel Barbour, containing a large representation of standard authors in limited editions and fine bindings; and the remarkable collection of William Gates of Charlotteville, Va., relating exclusively to Mexico and Central America.

Negotiations for many other collections are well under way and will be announced later.

At Heartman's in Metuchen, N. J.

After auction experience in New York, Rutland, Vt., and Perth Amboy, N. J., in which his clientele remained loyal and constant, Charles F. Heartman is finally and permanently located at Metuchen, N. J., with fine facilities for the sale of rare Americana in which he specializes. During the summer he has had a burglar and fireproof safe deposit vault added to his equipment large enough to hold the most valuable of his consignments. In the season of 1921-22, Mr. Heartman held seventeen sales, last season he had about the same number, and the material now in sight is quite equal to that of the average of recent years. Mr. Heartman is of the opinion that Americana has not been bringing as much as it should. A great deal will depend upon the record made this year. If good prices should prevail, there will be great activity in collecting American historical material. If prices should drop, it will discourage collectors and will cause a setback that will be damaging. Mr. Heartman is of the opinion that book lovers, especially those interested in America and its history, should collect books relating to it and use their influence to encourage others to do the same thing. It is fortunate for this field of collecting that it has such an enthusiastic and loyal champion as Mr. Heartman has proved himself to be.

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At Henkels in Philadelphia

The season was opened at Henkels auction rooms in Philadelphia with a sale of the library of the late E. G. Blaisdell consisting of early maps, rare Bradford and Franklin imprints, and rare Americana of various periods. Other sales which will soon follow will include an important collection of autograph letters and historical documents belonging to Frank Cobb of Royersford, Pa., embracing many fine letters of Washington and other presidents, generals in the Revolutionary War, and Signers of the Declaration of Independence; and an extraordinary collection of rare views in Philadelphia, New York, and elsewhere, together with early views of ships and shipping, rare colored mezzotints, proof etchings, and fine old stipples will follow. Mr. Henkels has many consignments in hand some of which have not been cataloged. He believes that good catalogs well distributed by an auctioneer who

commands the public confidence is the safes guarantee of successful business. He is no at all worried, having studied the variou portents, about the prospects for the coming season.

At the Walpole Galleries

Edward Turnbull of the Walpole Galleries says that "we are starting off with nearly three times as much material in the house than we have ever had before at this time of the season. The material is of a better grade, too. We have in hand a good library from Albany; another in the John C. Lalor estate, Americana from the library of the late J. E. Boynton; the fourth part of the William Winter collection; the collection of Thomas W. Hotchkiss of this city; a notable series of collections of early Japanese prints; the bookplate collection of Dorothy Furman, and a large number of minor consignments. The outlook for us is certainly bright."

The Auction Season of 1922-1923

THE auction sale of books, autographs, manuscripts and other literary property in this country for last season began in late September, 1922, and ended in June, 1923. In these nine months nearly 200 sales were held. The season was a fairly busy one, with occasional sales of commanding importance. Fewer rarities of the first rank were sold than in other recent years. But when genuinely rare items did appear collectors were on hand to buy them. Rarities of minor importance and many good library books of moderate value did not always fare as well. On the whole, collectors were watchful, willing to pay a fair price, were pretty careful in their appraising, and conservative in buying.

The first sale of the season at the Anderson Galleries was held on October 16, 17, 18 and 19, and Part I (Americana) of the library of George H. Hart of this city was sold, 1,448 lots bringing \$12,472.75. All four sessions were well attended, prices were quite satisfactory, tho mainly of items of moderate value. Many took advantage of the occasion to look over the extensive changes made during the summer months. There had been practically a rearrangement of the entire space devoted to cataloging and exhibitions. The result was more and larger galleries, better lighting, and finer architectural proportions and treatment.

The first sale of the season by the American Art Association was held in its fine new building, Madison Avenue and Fifty-

seventh Street, on November 15, when the library of Mrs. William F. Sheehan of this city was sold, 371 lots bringing \$51,172. There was a large attendance, bidding spirited, and prices, taken altogether, were high. The association started the season in its new location under conditions that gave its management great satisfaction. The star lot of the sale was a set of first editions of the writings of Sir Walter Scott, including novels, poetry, dramatic and prose works, 122 volumes in all, bound in levant, which brought \$2,950. A collected set of the first editions of Dickens, 70 volumes, calf by Root, brought \$2,000. and 52 volumes of the writings of Thackeray, bound in levant by Sangorski and Sutcliffe, all first editions, \$1,700.

A collection of early historical material relating to California, Oregon, Texas, the Middle and Far West, containing many items of extraordinary rarity, was sold at the Anderson Galleries, November 27, 28 and 29. A large number of collectors were represented by the rare book trade. Prices averaged high, some were sensationally Thruout the four sessions bidding high. was spirited and widely distributed. The 1,157 lots realized \$42,952.45, and it was the opinion generally that this sale would have the tendency to bring similar material into the market, if it existed, and that it would greatly encourage collectors that were active in this field. One of the surprising features of this sale was the high

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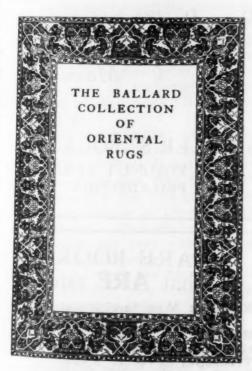
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prices which files of early Far Western newspapers brought. The Daily Morning Call, of San Francisco, Vol. I, No. 1, issued December 1, 1856, to Vol. I, No. 158, which appeared May 31, 1857, 158 numbers in all, a complete file, realized \$1,275. Files of other early western papers also brought very high prices. Another lot, the "Constitution of the State of Deseret, with the Journal of the Convention which formed it and the proceedings of the Legislature consequent thereon," an 8vo pamphlet of a few pages, sewn, Kanesville, 1849, the first constitution of the Mormon Church, sold for \$1,030. This item was a fair illustration of the disposition to pay well for unique or excessively rare material of real historical importance.

A very significant sale was held at Anderson's on December 4 and 5 when choice English literature from the library of James S. Hardy of Chicago, association books from the library of Mrs. Julie Le Gallienne, and first editions of Kipling and Stevenson from the library of Mrs. S. H. Taylor of Philadelphia, and extra-illustrated books formerly owned by the late Dr. Thomas Addis Emmet of this city, were sold, 485 lots bringing \$58,789. Interest centered in the Emmet collection. Sanderson's "Biography

of the Signers of the Declaration of Independence," Philadelphia, 1865, large paper copy, extended to eight volumes, containing over 1,000 autograph letters, documents, views, broadsides, portraits, including a complete set of the autographs of the Signers, brought \$19,750. The ten lots, containing 48 volumes, brought \$29,835. Some of these lots were great bargains. The Sanderson's "Signers" brought more than generally expected and the total figure was regarded as satisfactory. Extra illustrated books have nearly always been a disappointment when they have reached the auction room. It was expected that the Emmet books would be an exception. Their superlative merit resulted in a creditable showing but it was the fine set of Signers that saved the day. Fortunately they all went to Dr. Rosenbach, who shortly after sold them en bloc to Henry E. Huntington, and the collection is destined to be preserved unbroken.

On December 11, 12 and 13 part second of the library of the late Henry Cady Sturges of this city, consisting mainly of English literature, was sold at Anderson's, 1,013 lots bringing \$15,285.75. This library consisted mainly of choice library books of moderate value. There were many bargains, and many book lovers made additions



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to their libraries at figures that should have given them much satisfaction. This library was generally typical of its class thruout the season. In the sale of another part of Mr. Sturges's library some rare autograph letters brought high prices, a letter written by Washington to Jonathan Trumbull in regard to accepting the presidency,

selling for \$1,575.

The sales before the holidays had on the whole been encouraging to the auction houses, and a number of very important collections were brought into the market in the early months of the New Year. A very significant sale was held at Anderson's on January 23, when the later library of Herschel V. Jones of Minneapolis, consisting of 212 lots, was sold, bringing the handsome total of \$137,865.50. Collectors and the rare book trade in this country and abroad looked forward to this sale as furnishing a trying test of the rare book market here. The first edition of Marlowe and Nash's "Tragedie of Dido, Queen of Carthage," London, 1594, brought the highest price, \$12,900. Cicero's "Tullye of Old Age," Westminster, 1481, printed by England's first printer, Caxton, came next at \$9,850. Spenser's "Amoretti and Epithalmion.' London, 1595, first edition and Christie-Miller copy, brought \$8,600. Shakespeare's "Poems," 1640, a superlative copy of the first edition, sold for \$4,800. All thru the sale, prices were quite in harmony with those paid for these star pieces. Mr. Kennerley and Mr. Jones were both well pleased, for it is not probable that they expected that the collection would bring much over \$100,000.

On January 30 and 31 rare books, manuscripts and drawings, selected from a large number of consignments and including the private library of the late George Baker of Paterson, N. J., and a portion of the library of Charles F. Kennedy of Brewer, Maine, were sold at the American Art Galleries, 639 lots bringing \$69,953. These selections comprised collected sets of first editions, de luxe issues, important authors' manuscripts, collected proofs of English and American authors, association items of note, early printed books, illuminated manuscripts, and many choice and valuable bindings. All three sessions were well attended by col-lectors, dealers and interested observers. Buying was very widely distributed. Prices showed the same keen respect for values and discrimination as to condition that seem to be characteristic of the times. The result tended to confirm the impression that collectors in all parts of the country were watchful of the book auction market

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and disposed to pay good prices for books that pleased their fancy.

On February 28 and March I and 2 the remainder of the once famous library of the late Clarence S. Bement of Philadelphia was completely and widely scattered. About fifteen years ago the rarer portion was purchased by The Rosenbach Company of Philadelphia. This remainder, consisting of 1,341 lots, brought \$33,026. Bidding thruout was discriminating, but many good prices, especially for a sale of its character, were realized.

On March 5 and 6 books, autographs and manuscripts from the library of Mrs. Luther S. Livingston of Cambridge, Mass., with additions, were sold at Anderson's, 526 lots bringing \$64,368.25. This was one of the most successful sales of the season. On the more important lots keen interest was shown in the quick, big bids which reached a conclusion in a hurry. The idea seemed to be pervasive that good feeling for the quiet, scholarly book lover, of whose collection these rarities were once a part, had much to do with the high prices which buyers seemed to enjoy giving. The star lot of the collection was a Kelmscott Chaucer, one of thirteen vellum copies, which brought

On March 26 and 27 the library of the late John Lewis Child of Floral Park, Long Island, comprising a notable collection on natural history, consisting of books, magazines, journals and reports, was sold at the American Art Galleries, 801 lots bringing \$21,025.50. The highest price, \$4,000. was paid for a copy of the original elephant folio edition of Audubon's "Birds of America".

erica," 1827-29.

On April 2 and 3 another natural history collection, mainly relating to birds, the property of Dr. William Braislin of Brooklyn, containing 874 lots, sold for \$8,618 75. There were only a few rare lots and many purchases were made by libraries, always prudent buyers. Nevertheless the sale served to show the very wide interest in

good books on ornithology.

On April o and 10 the library of A. J. Morin of Chicago, consisting mainly of first editions and mainly of authors now living, was sold at Anderson's. The 866 lots brought \$20,386.75, an excellent showing for books of which a large portion had been printed in recent years. This collection contained several manuscripts which brought good prices, the highest, \$840, was paid for several pieces by Eugene Field bound in levant, gathered by his brother Roswell Field. This contained "the Dedication" to a "Little Book of Western

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Verse," the original draft of "The Poet and His Young Admirer." These two pieces were found in the poet's sleeping and writing room the morning after his death. To these were added the first draft of "Getting On," next a quotation from "Uncle Tom's Cabin," an unpublished sketch, "The Lily," and finally a poem "Star of the East." Next came Robert Louis Stevenson's manu-script of "The Waif Woman," written on fourteen pages, folio, which brought \$640.

The record sale of the season was held on April 16, 17 and 18 when the collection of a Philadelphia collector, consisting of a very wide range of rarities, numbering 1,009 items, which realized \$147,183, a total far exceeding expectations. Perhaps the most distinctive feature of the sale was the very high prices paid for a series of colored prints and colored plate books. As soon as the catalog of this collection was issued, collectors in all parts of the country promptly and accurately gauged its importance. Dealers were as quick to see their opportunity. Both lost no time in getting together, and they collaborated shrewdly and with determination to win. The result was one of the liveliest and most interesting sales of the season. The event furnished a striking demonstration of the foresight and nerve of American collectors.

On May 2 autograph letters, manuscripts and association books from the library of the late Professor Charles Eliot Norton of Harvard University were sold at the American Art Galleries. Part of the Shady Hill library had gone at Norton's death to Harvard; another part had been sold in England. But enough remained to make an auction seldom recorded for the estate of any but a professional collector. Norton had a genius for friendship. The esteem in which his friends held him, as critic, counselor, and appreciator, was shown in an extraordinary array of presentation copies and manuscripts from all the great New Englanders and from many-Ruskin, Clough, Carlyle, and others—overseas. These were real association items, and some very interesting prices were recorded. 318 lots brought \$19,066.50. The highest price, \$6,100, was paid for William Blake's "Christ Appearing to the Apostles After the Resurrection," painted in tempera on canvas 16% inches by 22 inches, signed. item of extraordinary interest was a first edition of Fitzgerald's translation of the "Rubáivat of Omar Kháyyám," wrappers, 1850, because Professor Norton was the first in this country to appreciate its beauty and did much to encourage Fitzgerald and

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and holidays are all the same to us. It is a pleasure to show our books to collectors and book lovers whether they buy or not. It is a pleasure to sell, but not because we "need the money." We have not yet issued any catalogues, and this is the first time this collection has been offered for sale. (Closed Nov. 10 to 22.)

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On May 21 a valuable collection of books nd manuscripts, mainly from London and Paris, the property of Francis S. Mayer nd Marquise Lanza of this city and J. H. Vhitehouse of London, with important ad-itions were sold at the Anderson Galleries, 15 lots bringing \$64,835, or the high averge of \$563.78 a lot. This sale holds the ecord for the highest average per lot for his country this season. The star item of his collection of nuggets was a collection f 43 autograph letters and documents, eight are portraits of Washington and other ortraits and views. Of the autographic naterial 20 pieces were by Washington, ritten at various stages in his career from he time he was twenty years of age to ithin six months of his death, and of nese, seven were war letters. The remainng 23 pieces were by famous generals nder his command during the Revolutionry War. This material was mounted and ound in a folio volume in blue levant orocco by Reviere and realized \$9,500.

The story of this important season canot be told in two or three pages. Reference can be made only to highly significant ales. Many interesting collections were old by Charles F. Heartman in Metuchen, I. J., Stan. V. Henkels in Philadelphia and the Walpole Galleries in this city. Good rices generally were realized, but there ere no sales that reached the large figures is most of those mentioned bears

most of those mentioned here.
On the whole, the season of 1922-23 was successful one. Consignors received fair

rices; the auction houses were busy and ade money; and book lovers and collectors bought many choice and rare books at rices that were quite satisfactory to them. When everybody is satisfied, trade in rare ooks thrives and collectors increase in umbers and activity. The season upon hich we are now entering undoubtedly will

greatly benefited by the wholesome contions of trade last year.

DEFINITIONS

A highbrow is a man who doesn't know hat he likes, but knows a lot about art. An old fogy is a man who thinks Ulysses" was by Lord Tennyson.

Keith Preston in the Chicago Daily News.

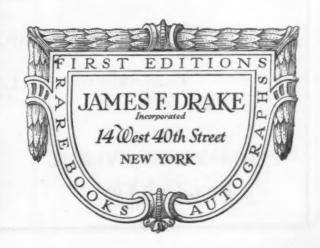
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Current Rare Book Notes

HE first book of the American Society of Book Plate Collectors and Designers; 1923, has been issued to members from headquarters of the association in Washington, D. C. Only 150 copies have been printed at the University Press, Swanee, Tenn., in ink of a brown tint, on Canterbury laid paper, and issued in a large oc-tavo volume. The report of the secretary, Carlyle S. Baer, records that the society's collections, now deposited in the Library of Congress, consists of practically 2,000 prints and there are two traveling loan collections. The society has been enriched in the past year by the gift from Mrs. Joseph C. Egbert of Wayne, Penn., of the collection of 1,500 plates gathered by her late husband, Dr. Egbert. The year book also contains special articles on "Frederick Charles Blank and His Art," by John Roth; "The Bookplates of Arthur Howard Noll," by Albert Chalmers Sneed, and "The Bookplates by Elisha Brown Bird," by George H. Sargent. All these are finely illustrated by plates from the original coppers. The society now numbers fifty-one active,

twenty contributing and two honorary members.

An editorial writer in The Christian Science Monitor in discussing various lines of collecting finally reaches fine prints and has this to say for them: "But prints, save for notable exceptions, are within the reach of anybody with a reasonable income, some knowledge of the history of art, and a flare for the beautiful and the rare. In this interest is enough to keep a man occupied and happy during his every leisure moment. To see him rejoicing in his portfolios and drawers of treasures, showing them with pride to the sympathetic, ever seeking to perfect what he has, is to agree with him that he is better off than that other sportsman knocking, or kicking, or throwing a ball round a field. It is an absorbing game because without end or limit. From the print, the pursuit passes on to the artist, and all that relates to him has its value. Pooks about him, letters from, or to, him, newspaper articles and notices—everything. The hunt can go on month after month, year

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after year. Collections of the kind that exist in or out of museums explain how important they can become and how much they add to our knowledge of an artist or an age. Had a contemporary of Rembrandt left such a collection to the world, how great would be the world's gratitude to-day." Fortunately for artists and the history of art, the number of collectors of fine prints is increasing very rapidly. The stock of rare and fine prints in the rare book shops is increasing every year and their sale is becoming a more important trade factor every season.

One of the outstanding items in Part I. of the Quinn sale is the original autograph manuscript of Stephen Crane's "The Five White Mice," written on 12 pages, folio, signed by the author under the caption, and preserved in a crushed brown levant morocco solander case. Attached to the manuscript is the following statements by Joseph Conrad: "This manuscript given to Joseph Conrad by Stephen Crane is now made over by J. Conrad to Mr. Quinn for safe keeping in his collection of MSS. and to dispose of in the future as he may think fit. J. C. 1912. Capel House, Orleston, No. Ashford, Kent, England." Writing to Mr. Writing to Quinn concerning this manuscript, Mr. Conrad says: "It is really my concern for its proper preservation that induces me to offer it to you. As an item in your collection it will be safe for the future. If I keep it its fate will be most likely to get lost. I do not want unappreciative hands to get hold of these few pages from Crane's best days-the finest productive period in his short life. Let them go back to their native country." This manuscript and the other Conrad manuscripts which are the distinctive feature of this part were all bought direct from Mr. Conrad, beginning about 1904 and continuing until 1915, when Con-rad dictated all his work. Apparently Mr. Quinn clearly foresaw the commanding position that Conrad was to occupy among the writers of fiction of the first quarter of this century and had the foresight and courage to buy practically every obtainable manuscript. Mr. Quinn should take great satisfaction in his good judgment and timely

The British Museum has just purchased a map which the librarian of the Royal Geographical Society of England says is entitled to the "unique distinction of being the first printed map in which the discoveries of Christopher Columbus and his

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contemporaries are set down at all." It was printed in 1506, the year of the death of Columbus, and so became an especially precious souvenir of the discoverer of America. There is an inscription upon it, showing that Columbus's own view that he had not discovered a new world, but had reached only the shores of Asia, was still accepted without question. It was not until the next year, 1507, that the little group of scholars in St. Die, France, printed a map on which they put the name "America" for the first time and published a book in which this name first appeared on a printed page. The librarian of the Geographical Society adds that it is a matter of satisfaction that the map will remain in England, in the keeping of the British Museum, "instead of following so many treasures of the kind across the Atlantic." The New York Times very pertinently remarks that "after all, the map that has the highest sentimental value is the St. Die map, which first bore the name 'America,' instead of 'Mundus No-vus' or 'Terra Santæ Crucis.' This map rests in the castle of Prince Waldburg de Wolfegg, where it was discovered in 1902. If it could be had and safely brought across the waters which Columbus crossed, it should some day find its resting place in the land which most gratefully cherishes his memory."

A collection of more than 1,000 selected original and reproduced cartoons signifying events in the public life of Theodore Roosevelt will be an interesting feature to be seen in the Roosevelt House which will be dedicated and opened October 27, by the Woman's Roosevelt Memorial Association. Many original drawings by leading American caricaturists have been collected as well as volumes of periodicals, clippings and several scrap books composed entirely of Roosevelt cartoons. The collection is held to be an especially significant one, of great interest to the historian and the student of Theodore Roosevelt and his time. cartoonists, not only of this country but of nearly every country, are shown to have responded to the inspiration of the former President's personality and accomplishments. Among the first that appeared were some by the famous caricaturist Thomas Nast, depicting Roosevelt just plunging into public life. In one of them the young assemblyman is presenting a reform bill for the signature of Grover Cleveland, then governor of New York. Other early cartoons are those appearing in 1884 in Puck, showing Assemblyman Roosevelt, then twenty-six, starting boldly for the Tiger's

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cage armed with pincers, evidently bent on manicuring Tammany's claws. There are shown many pictorial caricatures of Roosevelt as a figure in the Blaine campaign and again when President Harrison made the young New Yorker a Civil Service Commissioner. His part in city affairs as Police Commissioner in 1895 inspired many interesting cartoons by Bush, Neilan, Rogers and others. After Roosevelt became governor and later became a commanding figure in national and international affairs, cartoonists everywhere, at home and abroad, were busy delineating him and his acts. These cartoons depict with singular force the influence of Roosevelt on his generation here and in other lands.

The dramatic collection of Henry Frederick House, of the India civil service, who died in London last March, will be sold at Sotheby's this season. Mr. House was a typical collector of the last century, absorbed in his hobby of book collecting and confining his friendships to a few congenial collectors and dealers of similar tastes. Mr. House was born in 1864, and went from Bristol Grammar School to Balloil College, Oxford; entering the Indian civil service in 1882, he retired in October, 1911, with a pension of £1,000 a year. He had been practically all of his life—before, during, and after his career in India-an inveterate book collector, specializing more particularly in English drama; and it was his intention on retiring from India to take a country house and there properly arrange his bibliographical treasures. But his ambition was never realized. Large quantities of books were dispatched to him while he was in India, and these, with all his other purchases, were stored in warehouses. It is generally conceded that Mr. House's dramatic collection will be the most extensive and most important to come under the hammer in England for many years. It is especially rich in the quarto plays, Shakespearian and others, issued during the seventeenth century. It comprises practically all the first and other quarto editions of Dryden's plays, as well as the eighteenth century editions of Shakespeare. Among the outstanding rarities may be mentioned Sir William Alexander, Earl of Stirling's "Monarchicke Tragedie," 1616, with the portrait, which appears in only two or three other known copies; two editions, with date, 1664, of Sir George Etheridge's "Comical Revenge," both editions unknown until recent years; Barnes's "Divil's Charter," 1607, probably unique with the dedication; and the excessively rare "Eastward Ho!"

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1605, the joint work of Chapman, Jonson, and Marston. The library is also rich in modern editions of English plays, the collective editions issued by many publishers, and nearly all in large paper sets. This also an extensive and varied selection in the lighter phases of modern literature. In books of reference and other critical and historical works on the English dramatists, the library is also singularly rich. Altogether this is a collection in which many American book lovers, collectors and librarians will be very much interested.

Walter M. Hill of Chicago is just issuing his 100th catalog and under the title "Reminiscences of a Quarter of a Century," which serves as an introduction, he reviews some interesting incidents since he entered the rare book trade on his own account. By instinct and by training Mr. Hill was well equipped to become one of the great booksellers of his time. "From the outset," he says, "we held high ideals about the condition of the books to be introduced to our clients. We never cared greatly about 'cripples' or fragments, unless they were unique and there was no choice. Prices, no matter how you view your business, are incidental to the pulse-beat of the market, but we cannot overlook the fact that they may be artificially raised or lowered at these centers where supply and demand meet. We might fill a volume with the reminiscences of prices. And since they charm all book lovers at all times, let it be said here that from the very beginning the cheap book was as important to us as the highpriced treasure, other things being equal. Great repute frequently follows one's connection with transactions involing large sums of money, but the pride and flavor of the transaction never outshone our satisfaction about a true book lover's obtaining a book of historically asserted merit. The story of the great Pickwick-the Pickwick -demonstrates this point. We had spent, as we did annually for sixteen years, a summer month in making purchases in England. Our resources at last were wholly invested and our credit fairly well consumed, when the Pickwick turned up in a London House. It was a prize and a joy to look at. It was a privilege to spend nearly two days in exploring all the 'points' about its parts and in making full notes about them. Here, then, was, at last, a perfect Pickwick, one of but few in existence! At last the bibliographic description was written, the discussion ended, the book known to us as it ought to be. But we were timid in straining our resources to include

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such a purchase. One hundred and fifty pounds sterling, in those days, made quite a difference in our budget. At last we were decided to take it for better or worse, and departed with Mr. Pickwick, who never left us till we were back in Chicago. The remainder of the story, in a nutshell, looks like this: We sold the book at once for \$850. At the Lapham sale it brought \$1,-450. At the Wallace sale it fetched \$3,500. In 1923 it rose to \$4,600, and thus continues to vindicate its esteem. Nor has it yet reached its climax as an object of collectors' competition. But who would have been able to convince himself of such a prospect fifteen or twenty years ago?" This is not the only interesting anecdote in these reminiscences. But this is all that we have space for here. Collectors who read these columns and do not receive Mr. Hill's catalogs should make it a point to begin with this 100th number. Mr. Hill's catalogs are always interesting and worth while to discriminating book buyers.

F. M. H.

Auction Calendar

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday afternoons, October 29, 30, 31, November 1, 2, 3, at 2:30. The collection of the late William Whiting Nolen of Cambridge, Mass. (Part 1; Items 1037.) The Anderson Galleries, Park Ave. and 50th St., New York City.

Tuesday afternoon, October 30, at 2:30. Remarkable autograph letters belonging to Frank Cobb of Royersford, Pa., and from other sources, including signers of the Declaration of Independence, Generals in the Revolution, Presidents of the United States, statesmen, authors, etc. (No. 1337; Items 253.) Stan. V. Henkels, 1304 Walnut St., Philadelphia, Pa.

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Stephen Graham Addresses Society of Bookmen

THE Society of Bookmen held its first meeting of the season in Stationers' Hall, London, on October 9. Mr. Marshall, head of the Stationery Department of W. H. Smith & Sons, introduced Stephen Graham after having outlined the objects of the Society. These he said are threefold: to promote and extend the distribution of books by the cooperation of the various branches in the book-trade, its membership being open to publishers, booksellers, authors, journalists, critics, librarians, binders, and printers; to promote opportunities for improving the educational and technical qualifications of those engaged in the distribution of books, with the object of rendering good service to the community; to cooperate for material benefit with other organizations concerned in the creation, production and distribution of books. Stephen Graham's talk was mainly about his travels. He decided to see the world and experience life. He thought life in London gray, drab, and sad. He had "itchy feet" and the world before him. In this frame of mind he started out for Russia with £20 in his pocket. It is his firm conviction that those who travel poor see more. The author who most influenced him in those early days was Carlyle and he advised the audience to reread his writings. Stephen Graham told particularly of his travels in Russia and Mexico, of his successes and failures. He found the United States too expensive to live in.

The meeting was very well attended. More than a hundred people were forced to stand. Altho the lecture did not touch closely upon the book-trade, Graham's charm and personality made the opening session a decided success. St. John Irvine will lecture at one of the next meetings.

The Poet and the Publisher

ONCE there was a poor Poet, a very poor Poet, whose verses were published in the local paper so often that people thought he must have a pull with the editor. However, he was so proud of his effusions that he made an arrangement with a Publisher to bring them out in bookform under the title of "Parnassian Flights," and by the time the volume appeared the Poet was out \$1,500. Moral: Some poets are shorn, not paid.

British Book Publishing

A LESSENING demand at home and an increasing demand in Australia, New Zealand, and Japan for brief, popular books on social problems is commented upon by the Manchester Guardian of September 13. The Guardian's explanation is:

"In the year or two after the war many publishing-houses produced whole series of these guides to a better world, which were very often work of real quality, written by men and women of high authority on their subject, and sold at a price not impossible for the study circles and educational societies of popular movements. The big wage reductions unfortunately destroyed the market for these books, and a glance at the publishers' announcements for this autumn does not suggest that there is any marked revival in the demand for them. The Morning Post has been displaying a worthy curiosity about the fortunes of the author and the taste of the reader in these days, and it has revealed the fact. which probably many writers would confirm, that for English books of an informative kind the Dominions keep up a constant request. This is more true of the Eastern than of the Western world. Canada has been liable to the invasion of literary floods across the border of the United States, and it has determined to counter those floods more by stirring up a national literary consciousness in Canadian author and Canadian public than by relying on Great Britain, but Australia and New Zealand have become ready and persistent purchasers of the kind of book that explains the workings of nature or comments upon the social scene. Japan, at any rate until the recent overwhelming catastrophe, has shown great activity not so much in importing English books as in acquiring rights of translation —a process which also affords some assistance of the publisher. These eastward sales are the sales that faithfully continue. A constant trickle of this kind makes glad the heart of the writer, and it is good to know that the hardships of peace have not been everywhere made a reason for diminishing the library and passing by the bookshops as tho such places were offensive to a needy world. If anyone still believes that the Dominions are populated mainly by people of great physique and little reading he should now realise that the Dominions are doing more than their fair share to keep a creditable side of British book production from withering altogether away.

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Bookshop Promotion Sheets

THE use of a personal news sheet to carry forth the individuality of the small bookshop has been a feature of several of the new stores, and a very successful feature, such a bulletin, for instance, as the Scorpion, developed by Marion E. Dodd of the Hampshire Bookshop, Northampton, Mass., or the Book Notes of Beach's Bookshop in Indianapolis, or Bookshop Trivia, the organ of Mabel Ulrich's Book Shop in Minneapolis.

The Hampshire Bookshop has found its sheet an interesting opportunity to promote favorite writers, to list a few books for emphasis, to carry a general discussion of

bookishness and book ownership.

Percy Beach is a trained publicity man and also has a very nice taste in typography that gives his sharp, concise paragraphs an immediate appeal to the eye. He attributes a great deal of the quick appreciation that his shop has had to this medium.

Dr. Ulrich has built up a mailing list of 2,500 for her Bookshop Trivia, now in its second volume, and it has proved successful enough to lead her to go further and develop an even larger mailing list. Among the news contained in the last issue is an account of the lectures which the shop is promoting, which are to bring to Minneapolis Robert Frost, Hugh Lofting, Robert Haven Schauffler. 500 tickets for a course of six have been sold. With her daughter, who is interested in the shop, Dr. Ulrich, who is a graduate of Johns Hopkins, has been attending the New York course on bookselling, and Miss Ulrich expects to stay thru the winter and get further practical experience, so that she may take practically the whole direction of the Minneapolis shop.

Local History and Literature

PUBLIC libraries all over the country are giving more and more attention to collecting the history and literature of their regions and the works of authors identified with them. This is especially true of the Middle and Far West. Many go further than to collect pamphlets and books and gather a wide range of material that becomes of extraordinary interest as time advances. It is the demand for this material that is the chief reason why much Americana of the last half of the last century is advancing so rapidly in price. Thrifty librarians see that it is much better

to collect systematically than to wait, lose a great deal that could easily have been preserved, and pay a high price for material that comes into the auction market.

The Springfield, Massachusetts, Public Library has a "Springfield Room" which may well serve as a model for others. Here everything relating to Springfield is gathered and preserved with great thoroness. Here are the writings of all Spring-field writers, J. G. Holland, George Ban-croft, Samuel Bowles, Edward King, David A. Wells, Washington Gladden, George B. Ide, Frank B. Sanborn, Marian Harland and many others less well known. A file of the Springfield Republican furnishes political and local history from 1824 to date. A collection of picture post-cards gives one an idea of the general appearance of the town. These cards are arranged under the following headings: bridges, churches. Connecticut River, courthouse. Court Square, fire department, Forest Park, hospitals, hotels, libraries and galleries, monuments, municipal buildings. parks, public buildings, railroads, residences, schools, streets, United States Armory. Several scrap-books of newspaper clippings relating to important local events have been compiled and carefully indexed. The file of Springfield directories is practically complete.

The seven manuscript volumes of the account books of Mayor Pynchon, son of William Pynchon, may be cited as an example of the care taken to preserve manuscripts and documents of the pioneer days. These books which throw a flood of light on conditions in Springfield from 1651 to 1654, have been so carefully preserved (each page being encased in thin silk) that they can be consulted and used without detriment,

and should last for centuries.

In this "Springfield Room" there are nearly 7,000 books, pamphlets, pictures, handbills, programs and similar material, preserved, cataloged and made accessible to the historian, the novelist, and the student of local history. This collection is now growing rapidly at small cost and altho occupying but comparatively little space is one of the most interesting features of the library. Librarians interested in making their libraries of local interest may well study what has been done in Springfield.

Such a collection, once started, has a tendency to attract to it gifts of material of all kinds from local collectors. These special collections in time become invaluable not only locally but are having a much wider field of usefulness than was first anticipated.

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A Week's Gleanings of Book-Trade News

"RUDYARD KIPLING HAS MADE another contribution to literature for children. During the fall there will be published by Doubleday a collection of stories and poems, "Land and Sea Tales for Boys and Girls," some of which have never before been printed.

placing the truth about Persia before the world," Major E. Alexander Powell, author of "By Camel and Car to the Peacock Throne," Century, has had conferred upon him by the Shah of Persia the Grand Cross of the Order of the Lion and the Sun. We understand that the Anglo-Persian oil company has not offered the Major anything at all.

[[Henry Walsworth Kinney, editor of The Tokyo-Trans-Pacific, and author of The Code of the Karstens," one of the Little Brown novels of the year, was fortunate enough to come thru the Japanese disaster unharmed. He says of it: "I was on a train when the quake smote us, and it was very weird, for the train did a Salome dance; then I had to walk over 29 miles back to Kamakura, thru burning Yokohama and thru wrecked villages, over roofs, and dodging prodigious cracks in the roads."

School Cook Book," Little, Brown, was listed among the non-fiction best sellers. Since it was published twenty-seven years ago it is estimated that only the Bible has exceeded it in total sales. Its author, Fannie Merritt Farmer, should be the worshipped goddess of hundreds of thousands of American men.

If HISTORICAL NOVELS are again to the fore. "Croatan," by Mary Johnston, is a romance of Sir Walter Raleigh's colony at Jamestown, Virginia. The colony died out, or disappeared, and no one has ever known its exact fate. "Croatan" is the story of Virginia Dare, the first child born in the colony. The selection of this background gives the author opportunity to draw an interesting, truthful picture of the period and yet have freedom to develop a distinctive story. Little, Brown will publish "Croatan" October 27.

IMELLIS PARKER BUTLER'S famous "Pigs is Pigs" is to be translated into Esperanto by Dr. Gustav Busultil of Malta. Esperantists are gradually translating into this international language many works of fiction in various tongues.

"People who have only ten favorite books are practically illiterate. Everybody ought to have two hundred favorite books and buy them in copyrighted editions. If people had only ten favorite groceries, the grocery business would be just as bad as the book business."

IN WITH ONLY 8,000 Books based on the World War the United States is forced into third place, according to the collection in the French War Library. It is estimated that Germany has produced 25,000 and France more than 15,000. Perhaps the astonishingly large number in Germany may be considered a voluminous alibi.

IIIA \$2,000 Prize is offered by the Atlantic Monthly Press for a story of adventure of about 60,000 words to be submitted before October 1, 1924. Known as the Charles Boardman Hawes Prize, it is offered in the memory of Charles Boardman Hawes, author of "The Mutineers," "The Great Quest," and "The Dark Frigate."

MNow & THEN, the book booklet published occasionally by Jonathan Cape described the necessary attributes for truly successful publishing, "A publisher has three definite functions to perform. First, to secure attractive MSS., second, to produce his books with the best possible care and taste, and third, to sell them as well as they can be sold. Most publishers are known individually for their success in one or another of these divisions. There are publishers with family and social connections and long purses, and there are others with an unusual knowledge of the right use of paper and print, and there are those who are reputed for their keen business sense and their knowledge of salesmanship and their generous advertising. But all these qualities are necessary and must work in effective combination. A publishing house without an effective distributing organization is useless, no matter how good its books or how attractive their format."

An Uncorrected Galley Book Films in China

"Men Like Dogs." Yes, that is the way that the saleslady made out the slip for Wells's latest! Some truth, but no poetry in this title.

"Have you read Scott's Novels?"

"All but his Emulsion. I have seen it advertised, but I have never been able to get a copy.'

HOWLERS

Sir Henry Lucy writes:-

The Vice-Provost of Eton has made a collection of crooked answers to straight questions put to schoolboys coming within his personal observation during the past ten years. One, asked what he knew about a bead, wrote: "A bede is a very old man, known as a venerable bede, sometimes called 'Adam Bede.'

The gem of the collection is the production of a boy writing of the poet Milton: "Milton was a great poet, who wrote 'Paradise Lost'; then his wife died, and he wrote 'Paradise Regained.'" This is suspiciously like an attempt to pull the Vice-Provost's leg.—The London Daily Express.

WHY NOT BOOKS?

Chief among the sufferers from the recent newspaper pressmen's strike in New York were the thousands of Sunday picnickers who were driven to the public parks practically empty-handed.—Life.

OVERHEARD AT THE MORON CLUB

"Wonderful the way science and invention are increasing man's productive powers, isn't it?"

"Maybe so, but what bothers me is, the more efficient our factories become, the

more the price of goods go up. We've had a heap of wonderful inventions that were going to make things cheaper, but my bills

don't show it."

'That's all on account of the overhead. You see, just as fast as somebody invents a machine or process to cut down production costs, another fellow invents a new system for calculating fixed charges, operating expenses, and profits, that makes it necessary to put up prices."—Life.

THAT VOICE WITH THE SMILE Affable Room Clerk (to traveling man):

Room, sir? Just sign right here, please. Traveling Man (who has had a discouraging day): Damn it! Let's see you sell me a room!-Hotel Management.

GROUP of fifty-five pictures, all cur-A GROUP of htty-nve pictures, an current releases, were recently sold to the China Theaters Ltd. of Tientsin. That Chinese audiences approve of plots derived from American and English novels is proved by the fact that included in the sale were "The Hottentot," "The Bond Boy," "The Bright Shawl," "Oliver Twist," "Circus Days" ("Toby Tyler"), "Within the Law," "Lorna Doone," and others of the same character.

The Better Business Bill

HAIRMAN Winslow of the House Committee has promised to give early hearing to the question of the price maintenance bills, a subject which has been very extensively agitated in business gatherings and conventions thruout the fall. Both the Kelly-Stephens Bill and the Merritt Bill will be discussed at these hearings.

The book-trade is deeply and particularly interested in this subject. The Merritt Bill, which changes certain characteristics tho not principles of the Kelly Bill, should receive firm advocacy from publishers and retailers alike. The Kelly Bill provided for very detailed registration of every price and every piece of merchandise and reregistration on any change of price. This would cause infinite detail in a business which has so many separate items in a year, while that feature would cause little trouble in other lines of manufacture. In another phrase, it called for absolutely uniform price to every purchaser of books. This would make it necessary that the large wholesale distributor working from a large city should have the same price as the small jobber in the smallest of distributing units, and would handicap the larger operations by a leveling that would disrupt the present distributive machinery. These provisions would have a similar disturbing effect on large bookstores.

The Merritt Bill puts maintenance on the simplest possible basis. The producer of any piece of merchandise, if he prints his retail price conspicuously on the article, 18 allowed to insist on the maintenance of that price at its point of retail purchase. The change of price, under this system, would be simply a change of the cover. The proponents of these bills are in friendly relations, and they will come up for fair discussion, but the passage of the latter needs every possible support from a trade like our own which is so vitally interested in

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League Starts Season

THE Booksellers League had a most successful first dinner at the Brevoort Hotel, New York, on October 17th with the new president, Lawrence Gomme presiding. William Beebe, curator of ornithology at the New York Zoological Gardens and author of "Jungle Peace," "Edge of the Jungle," "Galapagos" and others in his special field, gave a lively word picture of his studies of bird life as observed in his many jungle trips, one of which he made with Col. Roosevelt.

Then followed a fine address by Dhan Gopal Mukerji, an East Indian, author of "Kari the Elephant," "Caste and Outcast," etc., on Hindu life and thought in their relation to Western civilization. His translations of Brahmin prayers and invocations revealed the simple but very poetic attitude of the Hindu mind to the beauties of nature and the routine of life. He referred to the great changes that have come into life in India during the past ten years, changes that have crowded the roadway and market places with autos and the river bank with factories. His sketch of Ghandi was especially illuminating.

Communications

SUGGESTIONS TO PUBLISHERS

The City Library Association,
Springfield, Mass.
Oct. 18, 1923.

Editor, PUBLISHERS' WEEKLY:

I have just been looking over the October number of "Appleton Books." The body of this is given over to descriptions of recent books with numerous illustrations. At the end is a feature which seems to me especially useful to libraries. This consists of a list of recent publications divided in two groups, one fiction and the other general literature. Under each group the publications are arranged chronologically with the date of issue plainly noted for those that have already appeared, together with an undated list of those to appear during the latter part of the month. Under each title is a very brief and reasonably conservative note. This plan of listing current and very recent publications only, and arranging the entries chronologically in two groups, or possibly three if juveniles are included, seems to me ideal for use in checking library purchases; and I believe other publishers will make their announcements most convenient for many librarians by following a similar plan.

HILLER C. WELLMAN Librarian

REQUESTS FOR PAMPHLET

Albany, New York, September 28, 1923.

Editor, PUBLISHERS' WEEKLY:

We have had a number of requests for copies of the Administration of the Shep-pard-Towner Act by Grace Abbott as a result of a notice in your number of September 15th.

We do not have copies of this publication and are referring all inquiries to Mrs. Grace Abbott, Chief of Children's Bureau, Department of Labor, Washington, D. C.

Will you kindly put this information in an early number so that all librarians who are interested may write direct to Mrs. Abbott?

Very truly yours,
J. B. LYON COMPANY.

BOOK STOLEN

October 6, 1923.

Editor, PUBLISHERS' WEEKLY:

On September 26th, there was stolen from my store Anstey's "New Bath Guide," Cruikshank illustrations, full morocco. It was offered later to two Fifty-ninth Street booksellers, and I recovered it thru a friend. I am told that the thief was above medium height, elderly and well spoken.

Bookstores should all cooperate to cut down thieving. Dealers should be cautious about buying rare books without the legally required evidence of right to legitimate possession.

(Signed) D. V. NICHOLS, The English Bookshop,

333 Fifth Avenue, New York City.

Change in Price

PENN PUBLISHING CO.
Binkie and the Bell Dolls, by Margaret Widdemer, from \$2.50 to \$2.00.

Again in Print

PENN PUBLISHING CO.
The Playtime Book, by Raymond Perkins.
D. APPLETON & COMPANY
Summer, by Edith Wharton.

Business Note

MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.—The Golden Lantern Book Shop at 1014 Hennepin Ave. is a new concern under the managament of Grace F. Gholson.

Obituary Notes

LILY DOUGALL

LILY DOUGALL, daughter of the late John Dougall, founder of the Montreal Witness, and herself a native of Montreal, died at Cumnor, near Oxford, England, October 9.

Lily Dougall was born in 1858 at the family home at the top of Mountain street, Montreal. John Dougall, her father, founded the Montreal Witness, as a temperance and religious organ, and later moved to New York, where he founded the New York Witness on the same lines as the local paper.

Miss Dougall was educated mainly in New York, where she was brought up, but later attended the University classes at Edinburgh, where she went to live with her aunt, Miss Redpath. Taking up her residence later at Oxford, she acquired one of the finest of old English homesteads, "Cutts End," near that place, and said to be the scene of Scott's "Kenilworth." Here she added greatly to the natural beauty of the place and for many years it was a mecca for artists who loved to paint the old-fashioned house among its beautiful trees

and the surrounding scenery.

Among Miss Dougall's published works were: "What Necessity Knows," "The Mermaid," "The Zeitgeist," "A Question of Faith," "The Madonna of a Day," "A Dozen Ways of Love," "The Mormon Prophet," "The Earthly Purgatory," "The Spanish Dowry," "Paths of the Righteous"; the last in 1898. Then, turning anonymously to theology, she wrote "Pro Christo et Ecclesia," published in 1900. That was followed by "Christus Futurus" (The Christ that is to be), in 1907, "Absente Reo." "Voluntas Dei," and "The Practice of Christianity." She became a collaborator with a group of thinkers, centering at her home and issuing symposiums of essays, such as "Essays Concerning Prayer," "Immortality," "The Spirit," "God and the Struggle for Existence," and "The Lord of Thought."

BAYARD TUCKERMAN

BAYARD TUCKERMAN, author of several books on American history, died at his home in Ipswich, Mass., on October 20th, age sixty-eight. He was born in New York in 1855 and graduated from Harvard in 1878. He was lecturer on English literature at Princeton University from 1898 to 1907. His published writings are: "History of English Prose Fiction," 1882; "Life of General Lafayette," 1889; "Diary of Philip Home," 1889; "Peter Stuyvesant,"

1893; "William Jay, and the Abolition of Slavery," 1893; "Philip Schuyler, Major-General in the American Revolution," 1903; "Notes on the Tuckerman Family of Massachusetts," 1914; "The Cotton Smith Family of Sharon, Conn.," 1915.

Periodical Notes

WITH OCTOBER IST, World's Work came out with an entirely new make-up, the format being both taller and broader but with the same type page. This large margin makes it very flexible for opening. With the change of form, it also begins to use full color on the cover as a means of getting periodical counter display, and color is also used in the text, including in the October issue some remarkable reproduction of water colors of old Gloucester. The text plan of the magazine is as before, with four pages given to Thomas L. Masson's "Red Letter Book Guide," which is placed in the back next the financial discussion.

Parnassus, a magazine of Poetry, will first appear in January. The editor will be J. Nolan Vincent and Jack Brady will be the assistant editor. The subscription price is to be \$4 a year, or 35c. a single copy. The post-office address is Box 3, Station F., New York City.

The Strength Magazine, published by the Milo Publishing Company, Philadelphia, is now edited by Carl E. Williams, formerly editor of Physical Culture. He has enlisted as contributors Alfred W. McCann, Albert E. Wiggam and Dr. Henry Smith Williams.

Earthquake Victim Wants New Invoices

THE Methodist Publishing House, I Aoyama Gakuin, Tokyo, Japan, reports that it would like to hear from various publishers with whom it has been doing business. Its building, stock and books of record were all destroyed in the great earthquake and fire. All firms having accounts with this house are asked to send full and detailed statement of liabilities. New catalogs are also desired.

Personal Note

ETHEL CUGEL, formerly manager of Best & Company's book department and later with Himebaugh & Browne, has taken the place of J. G. Karpf as manager of the Rand Book Store, 7 East 15th Street, New York City.

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The Weekly Record of New Publications

HIS list aims to be a complete and acrate record of American book publicanons. Pamphlets will be included only it of special value. Publishers should send copies of all books promptly for annotation and entry, and the receipt of advance copies insures record simultaneous with publication The annotations are descriptive, not critical; intended to place not to judge the books. Pamphlet material and books of lesser trade interest are listed in smaller type.

The entry is transcribed from title page when the book is sent for record. Prices are added except when not supplied by publisher or obtainable only on specific request. When not specified the binding is cloth.

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Sizes are indicated as follows: F. (folio: over 30 centimeters high); Q (4to: under 30 cm.); O (8vo: 25 cm.); D. (12mo: 20cm.); S. (16mo; 17½ cm.); T. (24mo: 15 cm); sq., obl., nar., designate square, oblong, narrow.

Adams, Joseph ["Corrigeen"]

Salmon and trout angling; its theory, and practice on southern stream, torrent river and mountain loch; with a foreward by the Marquess of Hartington. 303p. il. O '23 N. Y.

Adcock, Arthur St. John
With the gilt off. 304p. D c. N. Y., Put-A collection of short stories, with a background of London.

Adès, Albert and Josipovici

Goha the fool; with a preface by Octave Mirbeau; authorized translation by Morris Colman. 347p. D c. N. Y., Lieber and Lewis \$2.50

A novel of Cairo life written by two Egyptians, corn among the people of whom they write.

Ahl, Augustus William

Bible studies in the light of recent research; an introductory manual for higher institutions of learning and thoughtful Bible students. 312p. D c. N. Y., Lemcke & Buech-\$2.50

Aldrich, Thomas Bailey

The story of a bad boy; il by Harold M. Brett. 283p. il. (col.) O (Riverside book-shelf) '23 c. '69-'23 Bost., Houghton \$2

A new edition of this popular classic of American boyhood, brought out as a volume in a new

Arlen, Michael, pseud. [Dikrau Kuyumjian] Piracy; a romantic chronicle of these days. 367p. D [c. '23] N. Y., Doran \$2.50 A novel of London life.

Arrowsmith, R. S.

The prelude to the Reformation. 238p. il. D (Studies in church history) '23 Macmillan A study of English church life from the age of Wycliff to the breach with Rome.

Atkin, G. Murray

That which is passed. 334p. D [c. '23] Y., Crowell A story of the present day with English characters and a Parisian setting.

Atwood. William Henry

Problems, projects and experiments in biology. 114p. il. D c. Phil., Blakiston 96 c. Ayres, Ruby Mildred [Mrs. Reginald William Pocock]

The winds of the world. 299p. D (Popular copyrights) [c. '21] N. Y., Grosset 75 c.

Baker, Howard Bates

A first book in algebra. 307p. D [c. '23] N. Y., Appleton \$1.20

Barnes, Walter

The new democracy in the teaching of English. 95p. D [c. '23] Chic., Rand, McNally

Batchelor, F. M. S.

Mon second livre de Français. 228p. il. O '23 N. Y., Oxford

Baxter, George Owen

The long, long trail. 327p. D [c. '23] N. Y., Chelsea House, 79 7th Ave. \$1.75
A Western story of Morgan Valentine, rancher, who had his hands full with Mary and a bandit.

Beach, Rex Ellingwood

Big brother, and other stories. 367p. D [c. '23] N. Y., Harper

A title story of novelette length, followed by four others.

Berry, James Berthold

Farm woodlands; a textbook for students of agriculture in schools and colleges and a handbook for practical farmers and estate managers. 430p. il. D (New world agric. ser.) c. Yonkers, N. Y., World Bk. Co.

Berry, Jean

Finding oneself in the universe. 219p. O c. N. Y., Putnam \$2.50
A series of lessons in the technique of living, designed to present an explanation of the nature of man and a practical method for developing his faculties. faculties.

Bishop, Lieut-Col. Giles, jr.

Captain Comstock, U. S. M. C. 358p. il. D. c. Phil., Penn \$1.75 The fourth and last book citing the adventures of Dick Come ock. United States Marine, featuring the hattle at Chateau Thierry.

Bok, Edward W.

The Americanization of Edward Bok; the autobiography of a Dutch boy fifty years after. 485p. il. D '23 c. '23-'23 N. Y., Scrib-

A popular-priced edition of a book that has been a steady "best seller" since 1920.

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Borden, Lucille The candlestick makers. 525p. D c. N.Y., Macmillan A story of society life with its scene shifting from New York to Rome, to Japan, and back again.

Bowen, William Merrimeg. 166p. il. (pt. col.) D c. N. Y., Macmillan

Seven adventures of a little girl with such peo-ple as the Chimney Imps, the Echo Dwarfs, the Apple-seed Elf, and others.

Branch, Joseph Gerald

A complete course in radio engineering. IIIp. diagrs. D [c. '23] Chic,, Joseph G. Branch Pub. Co.

Bridge, Sir Frederick Shakespearean music in the plays and early operas. 106p. il. O '23 N. Y., Dutton

Brown, Harold S.

Sixty units in business English. 175p. D [c. '23] N. Y., Gregg Pub. Co. \$1

A selection of sixty distinct instructional units designed to give the student a background for business English writing and sufficient laboratory work to develop practical skill.

Browne, Carmen

My book of pets. no p. il. (col.) O [c. '23] Chic., Volland A gay little cloth picture book with verses about ne puppy, the kitty, the lamb and other pets of

childhood.

Buchan, John Midwinter. 346p. D [c.'23] N.Y., Doran \$2

A tale of high adventure in the days of the
Young Pretender, a time of great loyalties and
great betrayals, when Alastair Maclean won a
kingdom for his sovereign and lost it for the happiness of a lady.

Burgess, Thornton Waldo Buster Bear's twins. 215p. il. (col.) O (Green forest ser.) '23 c. '21-'23 Bost., Lit-

Of the antics and adventures of two small bear cubs when they left their nursery in the Green Forest.

Burroughs, Edgar Rice

At the earth's core. 277p. il. D (Popular copyrights) [c. '22] N. Y., Grosset 75 c.

Candler, Warren Akin

Life of Thomas Coke. 414p. front. (por.) D (Methodist founders' ser.) c. Nashville, Tenn., Cokesbury Press A biography of one of the early leaders of the Methodist Church.

Carpenter, Rev. S. C.

A large room; a plea for a more inclusive Christianity. 222p. D'23 N. Y., Longmans

Caussade, R. P. S. J.

Progress in prayer; tr. from "Instructions Spirituelles" by L. V. Sheehan; adapted and

ed. with introd. by Joseph McSorley, C.S. 2nd ed. 178p. O [n. d.] St. Louis, B. Herde

Cecilia, Madame

The gospel according to St. John. 430p. 23 N. Y., Benziger Bros.

Chaffee, Allan

Adventures on the high trail. 213p. il. I c. Springfield, Mass., Milton Bradley \$1.5
A story of camp life; with a map of Sequoia National Park, the setting used in the story, and as appendix listing the mountaineering outfit recommended by the Sierra Club.

Chapman, Harry E.

Barbara in Pixie Land. 188p. il. (pt. col. D [n. d.] N. Y. Stokes A fairy story for children-all about the strang and wonderful things that happened when Barbar visited Pixie-Land.

Chaytor, Henry John

The troubadours and England. 170p. D'2 N. Y., Macmillan

An attempt to estimate the influence of the
Provençal troubadours upon Middle English lyri

Cleland, Robert Glass

One hundred years of the Monroe Doc-127p. front. (por.) facsm. D c. Los trine. Times-Mirror Press Angeles, A consideration of the chief historical developments of the Monroe Doctrine.

Colgan, Edward Joseph, jr. Forms of prayers as passed upon by the Court of Appeals of Maryland. 618p. 0 c. Balt., M. Curlander, 14 W. Saratoga St. \$10

The law of dedication in Maryland, 128p. O c. Balt., M. Curlander, 14 W. Saratoga buck. \$3.50

Collins, Ross William

Catholicism and the second French republic, 1848-1852. 36op. (12p. bibl.) O Columbia Univ. studies in history, economics and public law; v. 112, v. 1) c. N. Y., Longmans \$4.75; pap. \$4

Comstock, Sarah

The daughter of Helen Kent. 393p. front. D (Popular copyrights) [c. '21] N. Y., Grosset

Cook, Charles Gilpin

Chemistry in everyday life; with laboratory manual. 462p. il. diagrs. D [c. '14-'23] N. Y., Appleton \$1.80 \$1.80 A textbook for use in high schools; the manual has experiments for both laboratory exercises and class demonstrations.

Cooke, Edmund Vance

Cheerful children. 91p. il. D [c. '97-'23] Chic., Beckley-Cardy Co. 70 c. A book of verse intended as a reader for primar

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